

When Our Circumstances Overshadow God's Promises

Genesis 15:1-21

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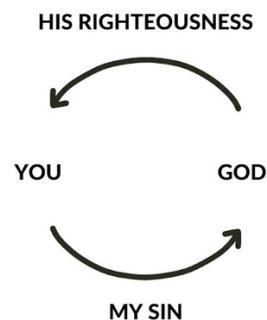
We can be assured that God keeps His promises because:

I. His Character (v. 1)

Genesis 12:1-3 | "1 Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'"

II. His Grace (vv. 2-6)

THE GREAT EXCHANGE



Romans 4:23-25 | "23 But the words 'it was counted to him' were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

III. His Covenant (vv. 7-21)

Covenant: A chosen relationship in which two parties make binding promises to each other.

-Thomas Schreiner, *Covenant and God's Purpose for the World*, 13

Jeremiah 34:18-20 | “18 And the men who transgressed my covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before me, I will make them like the calf that they cut in two and passed between its parts—19 the officials of Judah, the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf. 20 And I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives. Their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth.”

*Don't mistake God's timing as unfaithfulness.

2 Peter 3:8-9, 13 | “8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance...13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

“How can I know?” (v. 8)
–Abraham

“Know for certain...by my own life.” (v. 13, 17)
–God

*Recognize the depth of God's commitment to His promise and His people.

Galatians 3:29 | “And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.”

Benediction

Psalm 33:20–22

Leader: 20 Our soul waits for the Lord;

Congregation: he is our help and our shield.

Leader: 21 For our heart is glad in him,

Congregation: because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: 22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

Congregation: even as we hope in you.