

**Making Promises to Skeptics
God is Faithful Even When We Aren't
Isaiah 49:14–26**

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Last time together we began a new section of Isaiah which runs through the end of the book. It is all about Messiah, it is all about Jesus. Summarizing the first 13 verses, what we have learned so far:

- “The Messiah’s First Coming would be rejected by Israel.
- For a time, the message of salvation through Messiah will go out to the Gentiles.
- Eventually, Israel will receive Messiah; He will become their New Covenant.
- Israel’s acceptance of Messiah will herald the re-gathering of all Jews to the Land of Israel.” (Fruchtenbaum, Messianic Christology: A Study of Old Testament Prophecy Concerning the First Coming of the Messiah 1998, 50)

The future for Judah, for all of Israel and for the entire planet, thanks to Messiah, is bright. But remember, God’s people like to complain. In fact, in the wilderness, they complained a lot. We tend to do the same.

For example, the Lord saved them and brought them out of Egypt with a display of His power. He has provided water and food for them, literally tons of supplies every day, delivered right to their camp. But they complained about not having any meat. They had no control over “their” diet; complaints all around. So, the Lord gave them meat, and He also taught a lesson to them about “be careful what you wish for” at the same time.

Numbers 11:18–20

“And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?” ’ ” (ESV)

The Good News Bible makes it very clear for our 21st Century minds:

Numbers 11:19–20

“You will have to eat it not just for one or two days, or five, or ten, or even twenty days, but for a whole month, until it comes out of your ears, until you are sick of it. This will happen because you have rejected the LORD who is here among you and have complained to him that you should never have left Egypt.” (GNB)

When we complain to the Lord about what He has or has not provided to us, we are telling Him that we are better at running our lives than He is.

This problem exists in Judah at the time of Isaiah, and it will exist at the end of the age as well. It is also a problem for us.

Here we are, looking forward to the ultimate delivery of Israel and the world at the end of the Great Tribulation. The nation is being regathered from all over the world and in verse 13, the universe has entered into a state of praise. *“Shout for joy, you heavens! And rejoice, you earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.” (Isaiah 49:13, NASB 2020)*

What is the reaction, back in 700 BC, on the streets of Jerusalem to this word from the Lord through Isaiah? By the way, their calling, from Isaiah 40:9, is to proclaim the good news and this is good news. Do they?

Isaiah 49:14

“But Zion said, “The LORD has abandoned me, And the Lord has forgotten me.”” (NASB 2020)

The accusation here from His own people, in the face of prophecy and the outstanding good news in it, their response is; “nobody loves me, everybody hates me, I’m going to go out and eat worms.”

They accuse God of abandoning them, just like a wife is divorced or abandoned by her husband who no longer desires her.

This is not the case.

Zion (personified, representing the people of Jerusalem in Isaiah’s day) protests that the LORD (the covenant-keeping Yahweh) has forsaken her and that the LORD (the Sovereign Master) has forgotten her. They were implying that the LORD was not living up to His name and nature. (Horton 2000, 371)

The nation has climbed up onto their pity-pot once again and just can’t seem to get off it. This will become a real question for them once the exile in Babylon starts.

Are we any different? As soon as a trial begins, do we get on our pity-pot and complain, or do we turn and ask the Lord to teach us what we need to learn.

*James 1:2–8. “My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials, because you know that **the testing of your faith produces endurance**. And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything. But **if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him**. But he must ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed around by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, since he is a double-minded individual, unstable in all his ways.” (NET)*

For the nation, God is going to provide an answer for their complaint. They are going to know the reason why, before these events ever take place. Many of us wish we knew that beforehand. All we know is the certainty of persecution. *“Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”* (2 Timothy 3:12, ESV)

God knows where Israel really is spiritually.

Hosea 6:4

“What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.” (ESV)

Israel is loyal in the morning, but once it warms up a bit during the day, they have moved onto other things.

They are fair-weather believers. Jesus talked about this type in His discussion of soil types.

Mark 4:5–7

“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn’t have deep roots, it died. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain.” (NLT)

This is also the picture in Hosea.

During the dry summer months early morning clouds and dew appear periodically along the coast and into the hill country, but the clouds disappear quickly and the moisture from the dew goes soon after. On the one hand, the dew is life-giving and sustains certain fruits and vegetables from the end of the spring rains until harvest (Hos. 14:5 [MT 6]). On the other hand, the dry summer season dominates, and the morning clouds and dew are fleeting. This latter characteristic stands behind the simile of loyalty like the morning cloud and defines the fleeting commitment of Ephraim and Judah to YHWH (cf. 13:3). (Dearman 2010, 196)

The Lord knows this about His people. He knows that if you want three opinions on a matter to ask two Rabbis. The assertion of those in Jerusalem, as they hear this prophecy is that God has rejected them. Again, remember that within the memory of all who are saying this, the Assyrian army was drastically decreased in size personally by YAHWEH. God will tell His people that He has not forgotten them.

Isaiah 49:15 *“Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.”* (NASB 2020)

The answer should be, of course not.

Due to circumstances of life or sin, some mothers may decide to no longer love or have compassion on their children, but God never will go there concerning His people.

God’s compassions to his people infinitely exceed those of the tenderest parents towards their children. What are the affections of nature to those of the God of nature! (Henry 1994, 1174)

Paul picked up on that same argument in his discussion of the love of Christ and His intercession for us.

Romans 8:35–39

“Who will separate us from the Messiah’s love? Can trouble, distress, persecution, hunger, nakedness, danger, or a violent death do this? As it is written, “For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are thought of as sheep headed for slaughter.” In all these things we are triumphantly victorious due to the one who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor anything above, nor anything below, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is ours in union with the Messiah Jesus, our Lord.” (ISV)

1 John 4:8–10

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (ESV)

In the pages of the New Testament are reminders of the love of God for His kids, that also held for His people the Jews in the pages of the Old Testament. They were to be faithfully loyal to YAHWEH and it is their failure in that regard that led to many of the things they suffered. This had all been outlined to them in advance by Moses. This love is constant.

Isaiah 49:16

“Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.” (NASB 2020)

God tells them this is not possible as He has, just like a tattoo, put their name into the skin of His hand. This is a reversal of what was discussed in Isaiah 44:5. There the idea was to permanently mark yourself as belonging to the Lord, now the tables are reversed.

God has anthropomorphically tattooed His hand with the name of His possession, Zion (Jerusalem). In Babylon, the practice was of “marking the symbol of one’s god on the hand as a sign of identification and an indication of commitment to the deity.” (Paul 2012, 228)

Here that is reversed. The picture may also be more along the lines of what is in the Septuagint:

“Look! I have painted your walls on my hands, and you are always before me;” (Lexham Press 2020, Isaiah 49:16)

This also illustrates the ancient image of a capital city built according to a heavenly prototype or model, which was the genesis of the idea of a *civitas dei* (City of God). Moreover, Jerusalem was to be rebuilt with miraculous speed, faster than the time it took Nebuzaradan to burn it down in 586 (2 Kgs 25:10). (Blenkinsopp 2008, 311)

Either way you look at verse 16, the invitation is to see for yourself the lengths God has gone to to make sure He never forgets His people and His covenant commitment to them. The problem has not been God forgetting His people, but His people forgetting God and their end of the covenant. The faithfully obedient loyalty part.

The walls of Jerusalem are before Him, the name of Zion, the place of His capital where He intends to dwell with His people.

When it is time to rebuild, it will happen quickly. As it did upon the return from Babylon and as we have seen even today with the return in unbelief from the nations of the world. There is a rebuild yet to come.

Isaiah 49:17

“Your builders hurry; Your destroyers and devastators Will leave you.” (NASB 2020)

Some translations may have “Your children hurry back.” Those who rebuild Jerusalem, after the exile to Babylon, after the return from the diaspora, after the return at the end of the Great Tribulation, will be the children of those who are listening to the prophecy. They will hurry in rebuilding while those who caused the devastation in the first place are no longer around. Our first impression is that is the enemy, but it is also a reference to those who were not faithful to YAHWEH.

The sense probably is, the descendants of those who dwelt in Zion, who are now in exile, shall hasten to rebuild the wastes of the desolate capital, and restore its ruins. (Barnes 1851, 211)

Now the Lord has in mind a healing of this history, if only Zion will open her eyes and see. Zion's eyesight has to do with her eyes of faith. Zion is invited to see that all her children are gathering and coming to her. (Friesen 2009, 309)

Isaiah 49:18

"Raise your eyes and look around; All of them gather together, they come to you. As I live," declares the LORD, "You will certainly put them all on as jewelry and bind them on as a bride." (NASB 2020)

The discussion began earlier in the chapter looking at a picture of the nation returning at the end of the Great Tribulation. There was the objection from those in Jerusalem who still do not understand the reasons why they are not being treated in the manner they think they should be, but God is patiently explaining it to them.

He takes them forward again to that day in the future and tells those in Jerusalem to look up and see all His people come home.

The Lord's word is that Zion shall wear all of her children as ornaments are worn by a bride (49:18b). This metaphor suggests that Jacob Israel's return to Zion means a new era of prosperity, with the Lord as Zion's husband. (Friesen 2009, 310)

Look at Israel today. This is in the process of being fulfilled.

Isaiah 49:19–20

"For your ruins and deserted places and your destroyed land— Now you will certainly be too cramped for the inhabitants, And those who swallowed you will be far away. The children you lost will yet say in your ears, 'The place is too cramped for me; Make room for me that I may live here.'" (NASB 2020)

Is this becoming an issue in Israel today? Yes, it is. Space is at a premium.

In 1975 the population of Israel was 3.3 million, today it is 8.7 million. In terms of population density, that means going from 152 people per square kilometer to 400 today. For contrast, the US is 33.86, China is 151. and Japan is 333.

In that same time the world population has grown from 4 billion to 7.8 billion. In other words, while the world population has doubled, Israel's population has tripled. Forecasting that out from last year, Israel will hit 10 million by 2030 and by 2050, 12.7 million. The major problem, where do they all live. This projection, based on current size, has a population density going from 400 per square kilometer to 588 in the same time period of just under 30 years. Oh, and the world population is projected to be at 9.7 billion by then. (worldmeters.info 2021)

Looking at the population growth forecasted between today and 2030, there will be a need for about 650,000 new places to live come 2040. How is Israel doing? Currently not bad with around 12,000 new homes per quarter being built. To hit the anticipated demand there has to be a minimum of 8,125 new homes per quarter every quarter to 2040. That is assuming home ownership remains constant at 66% or so. Israel has already hit Isaiah 49:20 in real time.

This verse speaks to the situation being seen in Israel today, and then again at the beginning of the Millennium when all of Israel wants to live in the land, including all those resurrected Jews, and Gentiles too.

Let's look at just a portion of Jerusalem as it looked in 2012. The current city has swallowed and dwarfed the original City of David and the larger city known by Jesus.



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Isaiah 49:21

“Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has fathered these for me, Since I have been bereaved of my children And cannot conceive, and I am an exile, and a wanderer? And who has raised these? Behold, I was left alone; Where are these from?’ ” (NASB 2020)

This tells us that Jerusalem will be surprised by all of those returning. They believe God has abandoned them, that is not the case.

The picture is that of someone who thought they would never see young children again yet, here they are. Everywhere.

The repetition of these three times emphasizes the sense of unreality that Zion has. They ought to be an illusion, but every time she opens her eyes, there they all are. There is also a contrast with the emphasized I. I am incapable of having children, so where did these come from? I have been left all alone, so who gave me these? This point of Zion’s incapacity is important. Zion’s heirs are not the results of Zion’s fecundity or of Zion’s worthiness. They are the gift of God. She did not bear them, nor did she rear them, so where did they come from? The fruitfulness and the grace of God. (Oswalt 1998, 309)

This was not something that took place to this degree at the return of the nation from Babylon or when Israel first returned from the diaspora, but as time has gone by, the numbers have grown to the point that this is now becoming a reality. Compared to what it will be like during the rule of Messiah, what is happening today is nothing.

What will it be like after the Beast and his armies are gone? The tyranny is over, and Messiah rules the world. Believing Jews have been resurrected and are now in the land. What happens?

We get a picture of that day.

Isaiah 49:22–23

“This is what the Lord GOD says: “Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations And set up My flag to the peoples; And they will bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. Kings will be your guardians, And their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the ground And lick the dust from your feet; And you will know that I am the LORD; Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.” (NASB 2020)

Clearly seen are those who are Zion's children as well as the nations, the Gentiles. The Gentiles are the ones who are bringing the Jews back to Zion. All God must do is set up the banner, the sign calling for the people of the world to make sure the Jews in their midst come home. They will be bringing them personally and many will want to stay as well.

Isaiah 14:2 "The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will make them their own possession in the land of the LORD as male and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors." (NASB 2020)

The land of Israel looks nothing like it looks today. We have to keep in mind that there have been some major geological changes that took place during the Tribulation. Hints of that show up in several places in the scriptures.

Revelation 16:17–20

"Finally the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying: "It is done!" Then there were flashes of lightning, roaring, and crashes of thunder, and there was a tremendous earthquake—an earthquake unequaled since humanity has been on the earth, so tremendous was that earthquake. The great city was split into three parts and the cities of the nations collapsed. So Babylon the great was remembered before God, and was given the cup filled with the wine made of God's furious wrath. Every island fled away and no mountains could be found." (NET)

Zechariah 14:3–5

"Then the LORD will go to battle and fight against those nations, just as he fought battles in ancient days. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, leaving a great valley. Half the mountain will move northward and the other half southward. Then you will escape through my mountain valley, for the mountains will extend to Azal. Indeed, you will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come with all his holy ones with him." (NET)

Ezekiel provides a picture of the land allotments in the immediate area around the Temple (Ezekiel 45:1 – 8). All of this is predicated on the leveling of mountains and all the land becoming just like Eden, as promised by the Lord.

The borders of what we know as Israel today will also be adjusted to the promise. Ezekiel gives a basic outline.

Ezekiel 47:15–20

"This will be the border of the land: On the north side, from the Great Sea by way of Hethlon to the entrance of Zedad; Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath, as far as Hazer-hattikon, which is on the border of Hauran. The border will run from the sea to Hazar-enan, at the border of Damascus, and on the north is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. On the east side, between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, will be the Jordan. You will measure from the border to the eastern sea. This is the east side. On the south side it will run from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, the river, to the Great Sea. This is the south side. On the west side the Great Sea will be the boundary to a point opposite Lebo-hamath. This is the west side." (NET)

Isaiah 49:23

"Kings will be your guardians, And their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the ground And lick the dust from your feet; And you will know that I am the LORD; Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame." (NASB 2020)

The Servant, Messiah, is on the throne. In the Messianic Kingdom, the way rulers have operated in the past is now changed, dramatically so. There is a new world order, and it is personally overseen by King Jesus.

The hottest ticket on the planet will be airfare to Jerusalem.

This verse teaches that the principles of Messiah's reign shall take hold of all—the highest and the lowest. Affection for Zion shall be the profoundest conceivable. Monarchs, with their subjects, shall bow to Messiah; the former shall become foster fathers, and queens and princesses foster mothers, to the weak, poor, and lowly. The foster father or mother was, and yet is, to great houses throughout of East, a no inconsiderable person. But in last results of the rule of the great Anointed, the heads themselves of houses and nations take earnestly to this service. (Bannister and Hemenway 1886, 212)

The hyperbole that we see in this verse is there to make it readily apparent to those who have doubted that God could do this, that He will do this. One of the signs for that is the changes in the status quo once Messiah takes the throne.

The imagery is intended to graphically depict the complete humbling of those who used to rule over Israel. "Lick the dust of your feet uses imagery based on the fact that kings defeated in battle were required to lick the feet of the victorious king." (Ogden and Sterk 2011, 1403)

This imagery is for those hearing this from Isaiah. They know too well how kings are humbled when conquered. "The Egyptians literally portrayed their enemies as "footstools" for the king's feet." (Tesh and Zorn 1999, 320)

Proskynesis was performed before the Assyrian kings, in whose documents there are references to vassals prostrating themselves and kissing the king's feet (ANET: 275ff.). The practice was followed in the Persian court, but did not imply worship. (Philo of Alexandria 1981)

Isaiah 49:24–26

"Can the prey be taken from a mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?" Indeed, this is what the LORD says: "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of a tyrant will be rescued; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons. "I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And humanity will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."" (NASB 2020)

Once again, the folks of Isaiah's time speak up. They have a legal point to make because they do not understand how much the world has changed once Messiah becomes King.

In order to bring the children of Israel home, especially after what took place during the Tribulation, this means that legal contracts have to be abrogated and those who are slaves must be set free. They were lawful captives of the armies of the Beast and lawfully entered into slavery so how can they be set free from someone so powerful? Can the captives of a tyrant be set free?

The people of Isaiah's day still have doubts about the true power of YAHWEH. This is a real question. God has the desire to save His people, He has not forgotten them or rejected them, but this is reality here. Someone stronger has them. Stronger than God? How big is your God?

We deal with the same question only it is not someone being held prisoner, but it is some other huge impossible situation that we doubt God has the power to resolve. What we are facing is really big and to be honest, we need to be realistic about our chances here. It's all fine to talk about God's power, but let's be real here.

James 5:13–15

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (ESV)

Any conditions to this promise? Does God still do this?

Remember when Peter was in jail? There were many praying for his release, but what did they really believe?

Acts 12:5–16

“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer to God for him was being offered by the assembly. That very night, before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, and guards in front of the door were watching the prisoners. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on his side, woke him up, and said, “Get up quickly!” His chains fell from his wrists. Then the angel told him, “Tuck in your shirt and put on your sandals!” He did this. Then the angel told him, “Put on your coat and follow me!” So Peter went out and began to follow him, not realizing that what was being done by the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate that led into the city. It opened by itself for them, and they went outside and proceeded one block when the angel suddenly left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I’m sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod and from everything the Jewish people were expecting!” When Peter realized what had happened, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where a large number of people had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer it. On recognizing Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that she didn’t open the gate but ran back inside and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. The other people told her, “You’re out of your mind!” But she kept insisting that it was so. Then they said, “It’s his angel.” Meanwhile, Peter kept on knocking and knocking. When they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed.” (ISV)

Back to the question being asked, would a strong power willingly release all their captives and slaves? Of course not. But the Ruler of the Universe is not simply someone who is without power. He is omnipotent.

God is all powerful. Only three Persons have this power and no one else does. “God the Father is omnipotent in 1 Peter 1:5. The Son is omnipotent in Hebrews 1:3. The Holy Spirit is omnipotent in Romans 15:19.” (Fruchtenbaum, The Messianic Bible Study Collection 1983, 21)

Theologically, “omnipotent” means that God can do whatever is possible to do. Or, God can do what is not impossible to do. His power is unlimited and uninhibited by anything else. (Geisler 2003, 159)

Isaiah 49:25–26

“Indeed, this is what the LORD says: “Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of a tyrant will be rescued; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons. I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And humanity will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”” (NASB 2020)

Example One: The exiles in Babylon were set free, given the resources to rebuild and encouraged to do so. When Isaiah writes this, that is still in the future. So, refer to example two.

Example Two: The Assyrian army, the number one power in the world at the time, was defeated, overnight, personally, by God.

At the end of the age, which is what this is pointing to, well: *“But this will be the nature of the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will decay while they stand on their feet, their eyes will rot away in their sockets, and their tongues will dissolve in their mouths. On that day there will be great confusion from the LORD among them; they will seize each other and attack one another violently.” (Zechariah 14:12–13, NET)*

God is the God of impossible situations. *“The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child when I am old?’ Is anything impossible for the LORD? I will return to you when the season comes round again and Sarah will have a son.””* (Genesis 18:13–14, NET)

Jeremiah 32:27 “I am the LORD, the God of all humankind. There is, indeed, nothing too difficult for me.” (NET)

The argument in the courtroom earlier in Isaiah 41 was that only God could tell the future and do so with any accuracy at all. There was no response from the false gods as they cannot do what it is He challenged them to do, tell the future. God has continued to point out future things and Isaiah has faithfully recorded them for us. At the end of the age, God will indeed do this. He will indeed set His people free; Babylon is a small sample of how He can do this.

Our God is a miracle working God...the problem for Israel is their faith. The problem for us is our faith as well.

Matthew 7:7–11

“Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread? Or would you give him a snake when he asks for a fish? Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (GNB)

Proverbs 3:5–6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.” (NASB 2020)

God points out to His own people that the reason He will be faithful in fulfilling what He says is so that all of “humanity will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Might One of Jacob.” He is faithful where we tend not to be.

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