

THE GOD OF PROMISES.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: Acts 13:29-33.

B. Regarding the text:

1. We live in a time when promises are easily made and broken. It is no surprise when a politician makes promises and does the complete opposite.
2. Contracts are made because they are more valuable than one's word.
3. With all the deceit and half-truths around us, we may wonder what is truth.
4. However, we KNOW that God will keep His promises (**Josh. 1:5**).

DISCUSSION: GOD IS THE GOD OF PROMISE.

TWO CATEGORIES OF GOD'S PROMISES.

A. Unconditional promises: Providing for all men.

5. **Gen. 3:15.**
6. **Gen. 8:22.**
7. **Gen. 9:11** The rainbow should remind us of God's trustworthiness.
8. **Jer. 25:11-12.**
9. **John 12:48.**
10. **2 Pet. 3:3-4, 9-10.**

B. Conditional Promises: Provided for those who obey.

1. The Passover in **Exodus 12**. Many conditions were given (Unblemished Lamb sacrificed; blood on door posts; leavening removed; etc.).
2. Salvation (**Mark 16:16; Matt. 7:21; 1 John 1:7**).
3. Forgiveness (**Luke 13:3; 17:3**).
4. Daily blessings (**Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 2:9**)

C. John 3:16 has both unconditional and conditional promises.

OUR ASSURANCE IS BASED UPON HIS PROMISES.

A. What is our assurance? God cannot lie!

5. **Deuteronomy 31:6.**
6. **Titus 1:2.**
7. Every promise God has made will be fulfilled.

B. Paul said "I know" based upon God's reliability.

1. **2 Tim. 1:12.**
2. **Acts 27:25.**

OUR HOPE IS ASSURED BECAUSE HE PROMISED.

A. Eternal life.

3. **Heb. 6:17-19.** HOPE = confident expectation. Hope that is upheld by a fulfilled promise (**1 Tim. 1:1**).
 - 1) **1 John 2:25.**
 - 2) **1 Tim. 4:8.**
4. **Heb. 13:5.**
5. What would life be without this blessed hope based on Christ as our Redeemer?

B. However, if we fail to meet God's conditions, another promises awaits us.

1. **2 Thess. 1:6-9.**
2. **Rom. 2:6-9.**
3. **Hebrews 2:2-3.**

CONCLUSION:

A. We are in a safe place when "standing of the promises of God."

B. We stand on those promises by obedience.