

God, the Jew, and You Too! Can God Be Trusted to Keep His Promises?

Lesson 5

"The best way to keep one's word is not to give it." ~Napoleon, French Emperor
"A promising young man should go into politics so that he can go on promising
for the rest of his life." ~Robert Byrne

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EVERYTHING in Romans 9-11 hinges on the answer to that question!

If God Cannot Be Trusted to Keep His Promises...

- ➤ Then GOD is not WHO HE CLAIMS to be! Hebrews 6:13-18; Genesis 22:16
- ➤ Then ISRAEL has no FUTURE HOPE of salvation as His chosen people! Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-8; Exodus 6:1-8

God's 3-fold Unconditional Promise to Abraham

1) A LAND

2) A SEED

3) A BLESSING

The Promise to Abraham & His Seed Is Progressively Revealed in the OT as...

"I will be your God and you will be My people!"

God Promises that His Presence Will Dwell with His Chosen People in His Chosen Place by His Chosen Power through His Chosen Person for His Chosen Purpose!

➤ Then YOU TOO as Gentile believers have no ETERNAL SECURITY as His chosen people! Romans 8:28-39

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified....

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (8:28-30, 38-39)

SO WHEN IT COMES TO GOD KEEPING HIS PROMISES—GOD, the JEW, and YOU TOO are all tied together!

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1. PROMISES MADE! The Wonderful Eternal SECURITY for Us as Christians Romans 8

Romans 8 Is Filled with God's Promises of Eternal Security to Christians...

- ➤ God has promised to **PROVIDENTIALLY** work all things together for good! (8:28)
- ➤ God has promised that He has **PREDESTINED** us to future glory! (29-30)
- ➤ God has promised to **PRESERVE** us for future glory! (8:31-39)

What shall we say then?

Who shall oppose us?

Who shall accuse us?

Who shall condemn us?

Who shall separate us?

2. PRIVILEGES GIVEN! The Woeful Eternal SEPARATION for Many Jews Romans 9:1-5

Romans 9:1-5 Is Filled with Paul's Pain Over Israel's Plight in Light of God's Many Promised Privileges.

Paul's "brothers" according to race, who as the people of "Israel" have all the privileges that God has promised them in His Word, but have for the most part rejected Christ and are cursed to eternal separation punishment apart from Christ.

The Jews are Israel, God's chosen PEOPLE— according to Deuteronomy 7:6; Genesis 35:9-15

- ➤ To whom belong the PRIVILEGES
 - 1) The adoption as sons of God—Exodus 4:22-23; Deut 14:1; 32:6; Hosea 1:10; 11:1
 - 2) The glory of His presence in His eternal kingdom —Ex 16:10; 24:16-17; 25:22; 33:22; 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-11; Ezekiel 43:1-6: 44:4
 - 3) The covenants with Abraham, Moses, David, and the New Covenant —Gen 12; Ex 19; 2 Sam 7; Jeremiah 31-32
 - 4) The giving and safe-keeping of the Law—Exodus 20:1ff.
 - 5) The temple service—Ex 12:25-26; 13:5; Joshua 22:27; 1 Chronicles 28:13
 - 6) The promises, especially concerning the coming Christ— see God's many promises, pictures, and predictions in the OT
- ➤ To whom belong the PATRIARCHS—according to God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- From whom is the PROMISED One—according to God's promise and fulfillment in Jesus Christ who they have rejected!
 - 1) They **expected** His humanity. "...and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ..."
 - 2) They denied His deity. "...who is God..."
 - 3) They rejected His sovereignty. "...over all, blessed forever. Amen."

In spite of God's many promises and Israel's many privileges, the plight of most Jews is that they are eternally separated from the salvation of their Christ, so Paul's pain is great for his fellow Jews.

3. PROMISES BROKEN? The Wrongful CONCLUSION concerning God and His Word Romans 9:6

"But it is not as though the word of God has failed." ESV

"Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel?" NLT

world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" (11:15)

- Has God FAILED to keep His promises to Israel?
- Has the Church REPLACED Israel as God's chosen people?
- ➤ Is Paul a **TRAITOR** to his people?

The Answer Is Found in the Mystery of God's Majestic Mission of Mercy?

