

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

You Promised - Part 3

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Introduction

Whilst all the promises of God are “Yes” and “Amen” in Christ, many of God’s promises require believers to maintain faith and obedience. The Bible teaches this clearly and provides multiple examples and biblical principles of this. This does not mean we have to earn God’s favour. By keeping to God’s principles, we are simply being obedient and faithful in our walk with Him. As Pastor Dale teaches, “Your faith is the key that unlocks God’s faithfulness.” The Bible contains many promises of God, our part is to be obedient to His calling and His principles.

Read: Exodus 23:22, 1 Kings 9:4-7, 2 Timothy 3:16.

Discuss

1. According to the verses in Exodus and 1 Kings, what principles should God’s people keep in order to experience God’s blessings? How are these principles relevant to us today even as New Testament believers?
2. Read 1 John 1:8-9. Identify the promise and principle in this verse. Why are these parameters so relevant and important for this promise?
3. Read Matthew 6:14-15. What is the principle stated here and why is this condition so important for our own wellbeing? Share an example of forgiveness that you have experienced, as the forgiver or forgiven.
4. Forgiving an offence is hard, but how does unforgiveness hurt us even more? How do you know when you have truly forgiven someone, even though you have not forgotten? Note: Forgiveness does not mean overlooking abusive behavior. In such cases, the abuse needs to be addressed and confronted, and if necessary, reported.

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5. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What is the promise and principle associated with this Scripture? Can you share an example of how you have experienced this?
6. Read John 16:13, Galatians 5:16, Proverbs 3:5-6. What is the promise and principle associated with these Scriptures? Can you share an example of how you have experienced this?

Respond

“Unreconciled situations challenge our trust. We move in and out of trust.”
What are you trusting God for in 2023? In what way do you need to say “Yes” to God right now, regardless of the conditions His promises might entail?
Share this with the group and pray for each other in this area.

Other Considerations

In 2023, there are many new families joining Crossway who would love to be part of the church community. What can your group do to meet this need?
Suggestions:

- Invite new families and individuals that you may meet in church to join your group.
- Consider starting a new group with a couple of families and individuals (contact a Life Group pastor for assistance).
- If your group is becoming large (8+ families or 20+ people), consider whether the group may multiply, with someone leading the new group.