

POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING



A STUDY OF ROMANS

#15: THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL—ROMANS 11:1-36

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I. WHY GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

1. Because of who God is

God is not like people. He tells no lies. He is not like humans. He doesn't change his mind. When he says something, he does it. When he makes a promise, he keeps it.

Numbers 23 verse 19 (GWT)

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful because he cannot be untrue to himself

2 Timothy 2:13 (GWT)

2. Because God has kept His promises to His people in the past

Not a single one of all the good promises the LORD had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

Joshua 21:45 (NLT)

3. Because of the resurrection of Jesus

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)

II. WHO "PROMISED ISRAEL" REALLY IS

Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people! Being descendants of Abraham doesn't make them truly Abraham's children... This means that Abraham's physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham's children...

Romans 9:6-9 (NLT)

1. Every one of God's promises to Israel were based on the condition of faith

2. Even under the Old Covenant one was a "true Israelite" by faith and not by birth

And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Genesis 15:6 (NLT)

But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

Habakkuk 2:4b (NLT)

For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God.

Romans 2:28-29 (NLT)

We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same—we are Christians; we are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (TLB)

III. HOW GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE—ROMANS 11:1-33

1. God has not totally rejected Israel (v.1-10)

Examples...

- **Paul—a Hebrew himself—was saved (v.1)**
- **A remnant was saved by grace through faith—not works (v.2-6)**
- **Tragically, some of Israel hardened their hearts (v.7-10)**

2. God has used Israel's rejection of the Messiah for good (v.11-24)

- **God opened the door for the Gentiles to be saved (v.11-16)**
- **God requires that the Gentiles stay faithful as well (v.17-24)**

3. God continues to extend mercy to Israel (v.25-36)