

Promise: God Will Keep His People Through All History

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Scripture

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples on the face of the earth...Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations..." Deuteronomy 7:6,9

Devotion

This year at First Presbyterian Church we have been studying and experiencing about being "On Mission Together" with our verse, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Peter 2:9) Peter wrote this after Jesus came to earth. However, God said the same words to His special people, the Israelites, thousands of years before. Our verses in Deuteronomy state that as His people, we are holy to Him, He has chosen us, and we are His treasured possession. We are so special that He chose us to be His people out of all the peoples of the earth!

God chooses and calls us to be His people, and He tells us who He is: He is God, He is the faithful God, and He keeps covenant and steadfast love with His people to a thousand generations! A covenant is the promise/agreement God made with His people. He made one covenant with the different leaders of God's people throughout history. Abraham, Moses, and David are a few of those leaders. The people of God did not and could not keep this promise, but our great God always loves and keeps His people, as well as keeps His promises, no matter what His people do! In fact, He kept it when He sent Jesus to die and rise again, and keeps the New Covenant today for His people in Christ. No matter what happens in the world, or His people's obedience or disobedience, God keeps his covenant/promise to us, and loves us every moment of every day, forever!





Questions

3-5-yr-olds

What is a promise you have made? How does it feel to know that God never breaks His promises?

1st-3rd graders

How do you see God being faithful and keeping your family?

4th-6th graders

What are some other examples, from the Bible, where you see God's faithfulness to His people? When someone you know is scared or concerned, what can you tell them about God to comfort them?

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for being our faithful God, that You always keep us and love us forever. Thank You for Your Word that reminds us of Your faithfulness and tells us who You are. Thank you for choosing us and calling us as your special people. Thank you for being our God even when we forget you. We love you so much. In Jesus' name, Amen.

