



**Lessons from Deuteronomy—
Remember God's Promises**
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Intro: Most politicians spend half their time making promises and the other half making excuses. ...
What promise can we count on?

Text: **Deuteronomy 9:24–29**

Moses' hopes for God forgiving, restoring, and blessing Israel wasn't based on Israel, but on God Himself and God's promises.

I. God's Promises to Israel—

- Genesis 12:7
- Genesis 13:15
- Genesis 15:18
- Genesis 17:8

Deuteronomy 9:5

Deuteronomy 7:6–8

God's goodness, kindness, and promise keeping is not based on Israel's righteousness, goodness, or merit, but on His desire to honor, and exalt Himself, and ultimately His son the Lord Jesus by blessing the descendants of Abraham.

II. God's Promises: Sovereignty & Grace—

Sovereignty

Deuteronomy 32:39

Eph. 1:11

Sovereignty & Grace

Psalms 115:1–3

Grace

Exodus 34:6

Numbers 6:24–25

III. God's Gracious Word & Promises to us—

Common grace

Genesis 8:20–22

Matthew 5:45

Acts 14:17

Saving grace

Romans 5:6–10

Romans 3:24

Ephesians 2:8

Restoring grace

Ephesians 1:7

1st John 1:9

Keeping grace

John 10:27-29

Romans 8:38-39

Hebrews 10:25

Providing grace

2 Corinthians 9:8

Philippians 4:11-12, 19

Comforting Grace

2 Corinthians 1:5

Psalm 23:4

- When we pray, do we pray God's promises like Moses did?
- As we face the challenges of life, our own giants and walled cities, do we look to God and His promises to direct our thoughts and actions? What has God said about our challenges?
- When confronted by our own sin, do we confess w/ confidence knowing our sins are covered by the blood of Jesus? Do we have the peace that comes w/ forgiveness based on God's promise?
- When we face needs beyond our abilities do we look to God and His promises for comfort, direction and provision?

IV. Jesus is God's "yes"—

2 Corinthians 1:20

- Genesis 3:15 the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head
 - Genesis 12:3 in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
 - 2nd Samuel 7:11-17 King David's descendant would establish an eternal kingdom...
 - Malachi 4:2 the sun of righteousness rising w/ healing in his wings...
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- Do we have the ultimate answer to all our needs; do we have Christ?
 - Are we praying God's word and God's promises back to God?
 - ◇ Father, thank you that you've promised to provide for all our needs; show us what that looks like now.
 - ◇ Father, you've promised to forgive my sins; help me feel the truth of that.
 - Do we understand our standing before God is complete because we rest in Christ?
 - When we pray in Jesus' name do we pray for the things Jesus would?
 - When we pray "in Jesus' name" do we count on God's faithfulness to Jesus in responding to our prayers made for His sake, in His name?

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16