



**THE GOD OF PROMISES
&
COVENANTS**

Wednesday Evenings
Winter Quarter 2025
Room B2



January 8	The God Who Makes Promises
January 15	The God of Covenants
January 22	The God Who Promises & Works to Defeat Death
January 29	The God Who Has Set His Bow in the Cloud
February 5	The God Who Made a Covenant with Abraham
February 12	The God Who Made a Covenant with Israel
February 19	The God Who Made a Promise to David
February 26	The God Whose Heart is Grieved by Forsaken Covenants
March 5	The God Who Promised a New & Better Covenant
March 12	The God of Peace Who Establishes an Eternal Covenant
March 19	The God Who Raises Us Up to Walk in Newness of Life
March 26	The God Who Instituted the Covenant of Marriage
April 2	The God Who Has Promised to Return for His Bride



- ☼ In your own words, what's a promise?
- ☼ Why are promises even a thing? Why do people make promises?
- ☼ What makes promises work? Why do promises sometimes fail?

2 PETER AS AN EXAMPLE

In 2 Peter 2, the apostle is warning God's people about false teachers. Notice what he says: These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. They _____ them freedom, _____ they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. (2 Pet 2:17-19)

- ☼ What does the apostle Peter want us to understand?

In contrast to these false teachers, Peter points our attention to God in 2 Peter 3 as different and better. Speaking of "scoffers" (3:3) who are "following their own sinful desires"...

They will say, "Where is the _____ of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the _____ word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to _____ his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his _____ we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (3:4-13)

- ✿ Again, what does Peter want us to understand?
- ✿ As we think through what Peter is saying, why is it really important for us to understand the nature and character of the God who makes promises?

HEBREWS 6 & THE GOD WHO MAKES PROMISES

For when God made a _____ to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to _____ more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is _____ for God to _____, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the _____ set before us. (Heb 6:13-18)

- ✿ In your own words, what is the writer of Hebrews saying?
- ✿ What have we learned about the God who makes promises to mankind? What difference should it make in our lives this week?