

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



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Promise

**Robertson McQuilkin
kept his promise**

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**Does God
keep His promises?**

The Book of Galatians

1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

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5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied**



Galatians 3:8-18



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A. **Character** of the **promise** 15-16

B. **Timing** of the **promise** 17-18

Covenant = Promise



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Confirmed?

**Then it cannot
be changed**

~~Disannulled!~~

~~Added To!~~

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Character of God's Promise

- God gave His **promise** to **Abraham**
- God gave His **promise** to **Abraham's "seed"**
This "seed" was **Jesus!**

Notice!

Abraham did not make a covenant with God;
God made a covenant with Abraham!

**When God made His covenant with Abraham,
(Genesis 15) Abraham was asleep!**

Promise to Abraham

- A **Land** — the land of **Canaan** Gen 15:7,18
- A **Seed** — the people of **Israel** Gen 12:3
- A **Blessing** — the relationship of **Faith** Gen 12:3

To Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3

And I will make of thee a great nation,
and I will bless thee, and make thy name great;
and thou shalt be a blessing.

... and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

To Abraham

Genesis 15:18

In the same day the LORD
made a covenant with Abram, saying,
Unto thy seed have I given this land,
from the river of Egypt
unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

To Abraham

Genesis 17:8

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee,
the land wherein thou art a stranger,
all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession;
and I will be their God,

To Abraham

Genesis 22:18

... in blessing I will bless thee,
and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed
... and in thy seed shall all the nations
of the earth be blessed.

To Isaac

Genesis 26:3

I will be with thee, and will bless thee;
for unto thee, and unto thy seed,
I will give all these countries,
and I will prefer the oath which I swore
unto Abraham thy father. ...

To Isaac

Genesis 26:4

... and I will make thy seed to multiply
as the stars of heaven,
and will give unto thy seed all these countries;
and in thy seed shall all the nations
of the earth be blessed.

To Jacob

Genesis 46:3-4

I am God, the God of thy father:
fear not to go down into Egypt;
for I will there make of thee a great nation:
I will go down with thee into Egypt;
and I will also surely bring thee up again.

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- A **Land** — the land of **Canaan** **To Abraham's Physical Descendants**
 - A **Seed** — the people of **Israel** **To Abraham's Physical Descendants**
 - A **Blessing** — the relationship of **Faith** **To Abraham's Spiritual Descendants**
- Galatians!**

The Promise to Abraham — and Us!

- **Ephesians 2:11-13** - Gentiles brought near
- **Ephesians 2:19** - Gentiles fellowcitizens
- **Ephesians 3:3-6** - Gentiles fellowheirs
- **Romans 11:17-24** - Gentiles grafted in

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(Notice the word “**before**”)



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- The **Law** was given **SECOND**
- The **FIRST** overrides the **SECOND**

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Jacob — About 1880 BC

Moses — About 1450 BC

430 Years

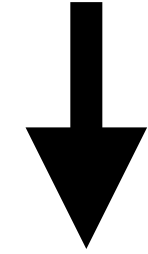
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A legacy clause is a provision that allows people or entities to follow old rules that once governed their activity instead of newly implemented ones, often for a limited time.

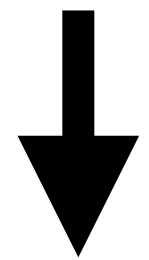
2000 BC - Abraham



Promise



1450 BC - Moses



Law



Promises are different from Laws

- **Promises are Unilateral**
 - Only **one person** is **responsible**
- **Laws are Bilateral**
 - **Two people** (or more) are **responsible**

How does all of this **work out**?

- Your **relationship** with God is not based on a **law of works**
- Your **relationship** with God is based on a **promise**

v. 18 — You can't have it both ways!

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**Does God
keep His promises?**

Hebrews 6:17-18

Wherein God, willing more abundantly
to show unto the heirs of promise
the immutability of his counsel,
confirmed it by an oath ...

Hebrews 6:17-18

... that by two immutable things,
in which it was impossible for God to lie,
we might have a strong consolation,
who have fled for refuge to lay hold
upon the hope set before us.

**Your salvation is based on
the confirmed,
unilateral, unalterable
Promise of God**

How does all of this **work out**?

1. You can **relax** in your **relationship** with God
2. You can **obey** God out of **relationship**, rather than out of **duty**
3. You can **look forward** to your **relationship** with God **forever**

Hymn #395

“Standing on the Promises”

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