

Promise Guaranteed 2022-01-23

Romans 4:13-16

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

My promises broken.....God NEVER BREAKS His promises.

Abrahamic covenant included promises of salvation, land, a people/nation, source of blessing to world, promised seed = Redeemer/Messiah. John 8:56

- God has entered into similar covenant of salvation with Christians: sins forgiven, Jesus Christ's righteousness imputed, eternal life with God, new resurrected body, joint heir of the world.
 - God's grace and omnipotence guarantee all His promises fulfilled.

God's promises received by faith and rest on God's grace. Romans 4:13-14

- If justified by keeping law, faith void and promises nullified.
 - If conditions change, original promise void.

Righteousness that obtains promise is by grace through faith, not law/works. Romans 4:15-16

- If promises received by faith rest on God's grace, they are guaranteed.
 - If salvation by good deeds, never know when done enough so no guarantee.
- Law required perfect obedience; God's promise requires only faith.
 - grace guarantees promise because does what works can't do.
 - Through faith, righteousness God requires - He provides by imputation.

Promises guaranteed because rest on God's grace and omnipotence. Romans 4:17-18

- Abraham had reasoning faith: did not close his eyes to reality. He/Sarah "dead"
 - Abram= 'exalted father' and 'Abraham' worse "father of a multitude!"
- Faith based on knowledge of His God's character and omnipotence.
 - fully assured what God promised He is able to do despite circumstances and evidence to contrary. He hoped against hope.

circumstances that seem hopeless and impossible unfold exactly as He has planned.

- Give examples of this past week...hard things but walking in faith.
 - Don't close eyes to reality but walk by faith putting hope in God.
 - Weak/little faith still faith but grow it by growing in knowledge of object of our faith.....God.
 - Daily walk by faith and see God do seemingly impossible.

25 year delay strengthened Abraham's faith because he knew his God. Romans 4:19-20, Hebrews 11:13

- Faith struggled but not waver: overall /final result, not momentary lapses.
 - in midst of nothing happening for decades Abraham consistently trusted and even glorified God.
 - Abraham died in hope without all promise fulfilled.

Abraham saved by faith in God's promise/ability to provide salvation in One who WOULD come, we are saved by God's grace through faith in One who HAS come.

- Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of all God's promises. Romans 4:21-25, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Galatians 4:28

God's grace and omnipotence guarantee all His promises are fulfilled.

- Grace do humanly impossible, gives life/dead, calls into being what not exist
 - God's gives faith where is none and makes spiritually dead alive. *Gospel*
- God's omnipotence as demonstrated in the resurrection guarantees He is able to fulfill all His promises to Abraham/Christian and do all His will on earth.