

Promises

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Good morning boys and girls and happy Sabbath.

Today I'm going to talk to you about promises. Have you ever made a promise to someone? Did you keep your promise or did you break your promise?

People make promises every day in different forms and in different ways. This ring symbolizes a promise. A man and a woman come together and they make a promise to love each other forever and ever. Sometimes they keep their promise and sometimes they don't. A credit card. We use credit cards to buy things and in the back it has a signature and that signature is a symbol of a promise. I promise to pay back. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't.

Old fashioned way of sending out a letter. We go to the post office, we buy a stamp and that stamp reflects the promise from the post office. The post office promises and says, I promise to deliver. So they will deliver the letter to my friend Isabel. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't.

We make promises just by saying, I promise to be good. I promise to listen to you, mom. I promise to do my homework. I promise to go to bed. I promise, I promise. Sometimes we keep our promises and sometimes we don't.

And when we keep our promises, we make people happy and that brings joy and love and we can make friends. But when we break our promises over and over again, then our friends say, no, I don't want to be your friend anymore. You keep saying, you keep promising and you don't keep your promises. And it makes people sad and angry.

But there's one person that always keeps his promises and that is God. God promises and what he does and what he says he does. He promised to send a savior. He promised to love us. Let's see what the Book of Isaiah says. Isaiah says, chapter seven, verse 14. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. Boys and girls, this son, this baby is Jesus.

Did God keep his promise? Well, the people from Israel had to wait. A long time they waited. and waited and waited and waited. You know how long they waited? They waited for 500 years. That was a long, long time. But did Jesus come? Yes. You and I celebrate Christmas every year because God kept his promise. He sent Jesus as our savior. Second Corinthians says we can always believe and trust God.

Let me read what Second Corinthians says. Second Corinthians says, for all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him, amen, to the glory of God through us. So you know what that means, boys and girls? Yes, you and I can trust God because God keeps his promises. God promises to help you. All you need to do is ask. God promises to listen to you, and all you need to do is pray. God promises to forgive you, and all you need to do is say, Father, please forgive me. God promises to love you just because. And last month we celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God loves us so much that he sent his son to die on the cross because of his great love. And Jesus also loves you and me. He says, yes, I will die for them. And he died for you and me because he loves us so, so much, just because. And Jesus resurrected and went to heaven and he's preparing a place for you and me because God made another promise. He said, I will come back. He's going to send Jesus back to take us home, to this precious home, to be with God and with Jesus, where there will be no more pain, no more suffering, no more lies. It'll just be a place of love.

Does God keep his promises, boys and girls? Yes, he does. And this last promise, we're gonna have to wait and wait because God didn't tell us the time nor the day nor the hour, but God keeps his promises. Jesus is going to come someday and he's gonna take us to heaven in a perfect precious home with God. So you can trust God, yes. He keeps all of his promises.

Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, thank you that we can trust you to always keep your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus to keep the greatest promise of all. Please help us keep our promises too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Boys and girls, have a great afternoon. We'll see you next time. Bye-bye.