

The Promises of God Message 1

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Outline

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. **Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)**

A. The Origin of Christmas (Romans 14:5-6)

- B. Christmas displays God's faithfulness:
 - 1. He keeps ______.
 (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15; 17:1-8; Luke 2:22-35; Galatians 3:8-9,14,28-29)

	(2 Samuel 7:16; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 2:1-6; John 12:12-15)
3.	He sent a
	(Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 1:20-23; Luke 1:69-73;

2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:7-9; Hebrews 8:6-13)

Answers: 1. promises **2.** king **3.** Savior

2. He provided a

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at <u>biblegateway.com</u>, <u>biblestudytools.com</u>, or <u>bible.com</u>. **Find a Small Group** at <u>brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups</u>.

Conversation Starter

What's most challenging about the holiday season for you?

Opening in Prayer

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. Psalm 119:18 (NIV) Spend a few moments in silence and ask God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read Genesis 12:1-3.

- 1. What promises did God make to Abram? See also Genesis 17:6-8.
- 2. How is Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham? See also Galatians 3:9, 29.
- 3. God keeps His promises. What does that mean to you? See also Joshua 21:43-45.
- 4. What promises in the Bible are most significant to you? Locate the promises in Scripture using an online Bible study tool.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25.

- 5. How does Jesus' blood enable us to come into God's presence? How would you explain this to someone who's not yet a follower of Christ?
- 6. From this passage, what are several things the writer of Hebrews invites (and strongly urges) us to do?
- 7. What practice will you continue to keep your hope alive and strong?

- 8. Name an example or two from Scripture when God remained faithful even though His people were not.
- 9. What are some everyday reminders of God's faithfulness to you?

10. What do these passages indicate about God that we can rely on?

- a. Proverbs 19:21
- b. Isaiah 40:8
- c. Lamentations 3:22-23
- d. 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- e. <u>1 John 1:9</u>

Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then make this your prayer:

God, thank You for Your faithfulness in/with

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Genesis 12:1-3</u> Day 4: <u>Luke 1:69-73</u>
Day 2: <u>Joshua 21:43-45</u> Day 5: <u>Isaiah 9:6-7</u>

Day 3: Hebrews 10:19-25

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 9, we'll continue our series *Christmas Traditions* by learning more about the PROVIDENCE OF GOD. Prepare for this message by reading <u>Isaiah 46:9-11</u> in at least three different translations.

