

Trusting in God's Promises

Read: Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Main Idea: Trusting in God's promises leads to an empowered life in obedience and faith, fortified by the assurance of His presence and faithfulness.

Key Verses: "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations." (7:9 ESV)

Key Principles:

- God's sovereign power clears the way for His people, empowering us to trust Him over human strength.
- Faith resists worldly compromise, guarding our exclusive covenant with God.
- We remove idols by trusting God's purpose, not our merit, as His holy people.
- Recalling God's faithful love strengthens our obedience, rooted in His unchanging promise.
- Obedience to God's commands reflects trust in His steadfast love, promising blessing over judgment.
- In Christ, God's promises find ultimate fulfillment, securing our faith through His victory.

Discussion:

1. How does trusting God's power change how we face overwhelming challenges today? Share a time God's strength surprised you.
2. Why does God forbid covenants and intermarriage? How would that relate to today? What modern "alliances" tempt us to compromise, and how do we resist them?
3. What "idols" distract us from His purpose, and how can we practically remove them?
4. How does God's choice of Israel "because the Lord loves you" build your trust in Him? Share a story of His faithfulness in your life or family.
5. Deuteronomy 7:9-11 ties God's steadfast love to our obedience—how does this promise encourage you to live differently? What steps can we take to trust Him more?

Prayer:

- Praise God for His sovereign power, faithful love, and kept promises.
- Pray:
 - For trust in God's strength to overcome obstacles, relying on His victory, not ours.
 - For discernment to resist worldly compromises, staying true Him.
 - For courage to remove idols, living as His holy people set apart for His purpose.

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| I. | <u>Rely on His power to prevail.</u> | 7:1-4 |
| 1. | <u>Rest</u> in God's <u>sovereignty</u> over <u>all</u> . | 7:1-2 |
| 2. | <u>Resist</u> <u>compromise</u> with the <u>world</u> . | 7:3-4 |
| II. | <u>Remove hindrances to pursue His purpose.</u> | 7:5-8 |
| 1. | <u>Reject</u> idolatry and false <u>worship</u> . | 7:5 |
| 2. | <u>Remember</u> God's <u>faithfulness</u> . | 7:6-8 |
| III. | <u>Remain faithful to His unfailing promises.</u> | 7:9-11 |
| 1. | <u>Rely</u> on God's steadfast <u>love</u> . | 7:9 |
| 2. | <u>Respond</u> to God with <u>obedience</u> . | 7:10-11 |

NEXT WEEK:
The Coming Hour
John 2:1-12