

God Does Not Sovereignly Keep or Break His Covenants

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Toward a Better Understanding of the Sovereignty of God

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Yes and Amen

The reason it is important to understand that the benefits of the New Covenant are not contingent on our obedience is so that we will not fall prey to the commonly taught concept that God grants His blessings or withholds them based on our performance. The covenant He made with us is an everlasting covenant because He remembers our sins no more. To not keep His promise of forgiveness would make Him a liar, and we know it is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18).

It is essential that we discover *what* He has freely given us in this New Covenant so that we may stand in days of difficulty and not attribute evil to Him.

**In times of trouble, we can rest assured
that God is who He says He is,
and that He will do what He promises to do.**

While seeking to understand the benefits given to us by God under this new and better Covenant, we need to once again establish that all the promises of God are Yes and Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:20 AMP

For as many as are the promises of God, in Christ they are [all answered] “Yes.” So through Him we say our “Amen” to the glory of God.

It must be repeated until we hear this.

**While God sovereignly determined
what the blessings would be
under this new and better Covenant,
He does not randomly dole them out,
sometimes granting them to one saint,
but not to another.**

Nor does He grant them based on our works.

“Sovereignty” doesn’t mean God may break His promises when He deems it appropriate. If this were true, His promises would mean nothing, and we could never trust that He would keep them.

Psalm 138:2

*I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;*

***For You have magnified Your word
Above all Your name.***

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;

***It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.***

It is incorrect to ask God for something He has promised and then think that it's up to Him whether or not He will answer. His will has already sovereignly been declared and established when it comes to His promises to us, His will is for us to respond to them in faith by saying, "So be it unto me."

**The sovereign plan of God
is to answer, "Yes."
Our proper response
is to believe
that He will give us what He has promised
by responding, "So be it!"**

Author's Note: When we pray what we know to be the will of God, let us not automatically tag on these common phrases, "Your will be done," "If it be Your will." If God has promised, then it is His will. Instead, we can say, "Thank you that this is Your will, and that you will do as you promised."

1 John 5:14-15

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—
we know that we have what we asked of him.*