



Solid Faith in the Solid Promises of a Solid God

Sunday, March 28/21

Text: Romans 4:13 – 25

In hope (Abraham) believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told... No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.

- Romans 4:19 - 21

We like to control the map of our life and know everything well in advance. But faith is content just knowing that God's promise cannot fail. This, in fact, is the excitement of walking with God.

- Jim Cymbala

Introduction: A Brief Theological Survey of the Bible

- Justification: Freedom from the Penalty of Sin (Rom. 1 – 4)
- Sanctification: Freedom from the Power of Sin (Rom. 5 – 8)
- Glorification: Freedom from the Presence of Sin (Rom. 8:18 – 39)

I. Solid God

- He calls into Existence the Things that do not Exist (4:17)
- He is able to do what He promised (4:21)
- He Raised His Son Jesus from the Dead for our Justification (4:23 – 25)

II. Solid Promises

- Received through the righteousness of faith 4:13)
- Resting on the grace of God (4:16)
- Guaranteed to all children of Faith (4:16)

III. Solid Faith

- Faith that hopes against hope (4:18)
- Faith that does not waver (4:20)
- Faith that is counted as righteousness (4:22 – 25)



Study and Discussion Questions – Solid Faith in the Solid Promises of a Solid God

Open It

1. How much faith do you put in the promises people make to you?

Explore It

2. On what basis did Abraham receive the promise of inheriting the world? (4:13)
3. Why would God's promise be worthless if a person had to keep the Law perfectly to receive it? (4:14-15)
4. What was God's promise to Abraham? (4:18)
5. What did Abraham believe about God that convinced him God could keep His promise? (4:20f)
6. How does Abraham's righteousness by faith apply to us? (4:23-24)
7. Whom has God provided as a worthy object of our faith? (4:24-25)

Get It

8. What causes many people to think that works are more important than faith to please God?
9. In what ways do people act as if they must earn God's love?
10. What must a person do to have his or her sins completely forgiven?
11. What promise are you waiting for God to fulfill in your life?
12. How does God's relationship with Abraham help you understand His workings in your life?

Apply It

13. What promise of God do you need to trust in this week?
14. In light of the message, how 'solid' would you say your faith is in God's promises?
15. What might you do to build a stronger faith in Jesus?