

Can You Trust God? Romans 9:6-13 May 29, 2022

"But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called.' That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. For this is the word of promise: 'At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.' And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.' As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.'" (Romans 9:6-13; NKJ)

IV. The Critical Question: Can I _____ _____ to Keep His Promises? (v6)

A. What is _____ to Israel (and to You)? (v6)

1. Salvation is not by human _____ but
by God's _____. (vv 7-9)

"If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ..." (Philippians 3:4-9; NKJ)

2. Salvation is not by human _____ but
by God's _____ . (vv 10-13)

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20; NKJ)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Romans 2:8-9; NKJ)

B. Four Pitfalls Regarding God's Promises ...

Pitfall #1: Not _____ the promises of God.

"Jesus answered and said to them, 'You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.'" (Matthew 22:29; NKJ)

Pitfall #2: Not correctly _____ the
promises of God.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." (Romans 8:28; NKJ)

Pitfall #3. Not understanding the _____ of the
promises of God.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:32; NKJ)

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Peter 1:2-4; NKJ)

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (1 John 3:2-3; NKJ)

Pitfall #4: Not _____ the promises
of God by _____.

"Yet you do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2; NKJ)