

## **God is a Promisekeeper** (Hebrews 10:23)

- God is a God of great promises. As God, He is very unique in that He always keeps His promises.
- In our life, we love the benefit of promises kept, but feel the pain of promises broken.
- As we review God's written record, we learn two overarching truths about the promises of God

### 1. **God's promises are totally trustworthy** (Heb. 10:23: *"for He who promised is faithful"*)

- Do we really believe that *"if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself"* (2 Tim. 2:13)?
- God is a flawless promisekeeper, so He never ever breaks a promise.
  - His promises are "precious and magnificent" (2 Pet 1:4)
  - He cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18; Num 23:19)
  - He is totally reliable (Heb 10:23; 2 Cor. 1:20)
  - He will never change a promise (Mal 1:6; Ps. 33:11; Heb. 6:17; Jam 1:17)
  - His promises are conditional and unconditional
- We are flawed promisekeepers and will be periodic promisebreakers. God calls us to keep our promises (Ecc. 5:4; Matt. 5:37)

### 2. **God's promises are transformational tools** (Heb. 10:23: *"let us hold fast the confession of our hope"*)

- We are called to *"hold fast"* (a word with the idea of holding down or possessing or seizing). In Heb 10:23, we are commanded to obey and to always maintain our posture (present tense).

- The promise of “*hope*” in this text reveals how God uses His promises to shape our lives (hope motivates us to hold on)
  
- How are God’s promises tools of transformation?
  - God’s promises help us properly address our past sins: both the negative (1 Jn 1:7; Heb. 8:12; Rom. 8:1) and the positive (Rom. 4:5; Gal 3:3; Col 1:13; Rom. 6:5; Rom. 5:10; 1 Thess. 1:10)
  
  - God’s promises help us properly address our present life (empowerment of the Holy Spirit to deal with temptation, pray, battle Satan, endure, resist, be a peace)
  
  - God’s promises help us properly address our future (being eternally secure, glorified, see and be with the Lord; have eternal life; receive a new body, etc.)