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Law/Gospel

In my sin, I doubt that God can do what He promises and do not trust Him. **God in His mercy carries out His promises and gives me faith in and through Jesus to trust Him.**

Bible Words

[The Lord said,] I have called you by name, you are Mine.
Isaiah 43:1

Quotable

Righteous describes “a person in a right relationship with God, trusting God’s promised salvation and living by the covenant promise” (*The Lutheran Study Bible*, p. 843).

Just Joking

How do we know that Abraham was smart?
Because he knew a Lot.
(His nephew was named Lot.)

God’s Covenant with Abram

Genesis 12:1–9; 15:1–6; 17

God plucked Abram and his family out of idolatry, calling them to follow Him spiritually and physically. Originally from Ur of the Chaldeans in ancient Babylonia, Abraham’s father Terah worshiped other gods (Joshua 24:2). Terah set out to move to the land of Canaan with his family. Instead, they settled in Haran, a town on the way.

From there, God called Abram to follow Him when Abram was seventy-five years old. The Lord led him to Canaan.

In Genesis 12:2–3, God made seven promises to Abram: “[1] I will make of you a great nation, [2] and I will bless you [3] and make your name great, [4] so that you will be a blessing. [5] I will bless those who bless you, [6] and him who dishonors you I will curse, and [7] in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Abram “believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6).

God began to fulfill these promises during Abram’s life and ultimately fulfilled them in the Messiah, Jesus our Savior, first promised to Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:15).

God promised Abram he would become a great nation. Imagine what this meant to an old man with no children! Only God could make and keep this promise. God blessed Abram with the birth of a son; later, God’s Son, Jesus, was born from his family.

The name of Abram, our spiritual father, became great. He blessed many as he trusted God’s promises to bring the Savior into the world through him and his descendants. God blesses us all through Abram, because his descendant Jesus came to save us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (Galatians 3:29).

Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for keeping Your promises to Abram and to us, His children and Yours through Baptism into Your family. Amen.

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