



We Swim for Jesus!

“Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is the faithful God who for a thousand generations keeps His promises and constantly loves those who love him and who obey His commands.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Bible Verse for Week #34

Life Application notes

1. By identifying the Lord as “the faithful God,” Moses is reminding the people that the One whom they worship is God Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth and the God of their forefathers. Sometimes we can be flippant about God, forgetting just who we claim to worship. Or we might be tempted to minimize God’s claim on our lives because of the multitude of divine options in our society. But there is only one true God, and He is the same God who has always existed – the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all those through the centuries who have given their lives to Him. Don’t ever take God for granted.
2. God is faithful. He never changes; He’s always there when we need Him; and He keeps His promises. In a world of change, deceit, and uncertainty, the truth of God’s faithfulness gives us security and hope. When everything else changes, He is the same; if everyone else leaves, He is still with us; if all else is false, He is true.
3. God keeps His promises. With our limited perspective, we don’t understand why things happen, and we don’t know the mind of God. So during difficult times, we may wonder if God has forgotten us, or we may doubt that His promises are true. But God keeps His promises – on His timetable, not ours, of course, but He keeps them. For example. God has promised to be with us. He has also promised to give eternal life to those who trust in Christ. The Bible is filled with God’s promises. When you’re struggling with life, remember God’s promises, and rejoice that He keeps them.
4. “A thousand generations” is along time! This expression means more than the fact that God’s promises are long-lasting. It also implies that His promises are personal, given to real people – people like us. God has no limitations, including time, and He has no needs. Yet He has chosen to become involved with His finite creation – weak and fallible human beings. And for those who love Him and obey his commands, He makes a promise of love that never ends. How can you show your gratitude to Someone Who loves you that much?

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5. How can we possibly love God as much as he loves us? We can't. But God doesn't expect us to be perfect – He knows that we are finite and sinful beings. Loving God begins with being sincerely grateful for all He has done for us – creating us, sending Christ to die for us, choosing us, giving us the Holy Spirit. And loving God means being willing to do whatever He asks. In other words, loving God begins on the inside, in the heart, and then moves into our actions.
6. This verse states that God keeps His promise of love to those who “love Him and keep [obey] His commands.” Keeping God's commands means being willing to do whatever He wants you to do. And then when you know what He wants, it means doing it. We can learn what God desires by reading His Word, the Bible, and by asking Him. Be a person who obeys God's commands.

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