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Kellye says

This was too complicated theologically for me to really enjoy spiritually. I'm a pretty accomplished reader, but this was a lot of complicated, technical terms with which I wasn't familiar and ideas that I found kind of convoluted. Not my cup of tea, though certainly a book that contains interesting and important information. But I read it as part of my quiet time each morning, and I just felt like I was plodding through jello to get much out of it.

Gail Welborn says

from a spiritual giant of our time, what God's covenants mean to us today

Dr. R. C. Sproul elaborates on God's promises and covenants, what they are, how they differ, why God is known as the "Promise Keeper" and what "agreement God the Father made with Jesus before the beginning of the world" in Promises of God. He begins with why "...the concept of covenant is integral and foundational to..." our lives and times today.

This celebrated theologian, bestselling author, speaker and distinguished academic teacher describes how "...God reveals His Word and His plan...through the structure of various covenants." However, he believes there is confusion over what covenants mean when used in the biblical context.

He suspects the confusion arises because of the interchanging of old and new covenants terms with the Old and New Testaments, as if old covenant-Old Testament and new covenant-New Testament meant the same thing. Although they are "closely related," he explains, they are not the same exact thing. He uses the example of John the Baptist to explain why before he tells readers how the terms differ and why he believes the "...New Covenant began in the Upper Room on the night of Pentecost" after the New Testament began...Full Review: www.examiner.com/list/the-promises-of-...

Sean says

Wonderful book. Well written and takes complicated issues - such as the different covenants - and makes them understandable and accessible to the average reader.

Josh says

This a book for which I have searched a good while. I have looked for a short, concise, clear, accessible introduction to covenant theology. Thanks to RC Sproul's The Promises of God, I have found such a book.

Sproul takes the reader from Creation to Consummation and shows how the covenant is at the heart of

Biblical revelation. Sproul spends a chapter (or multiple) on each of the main covenants in Scripture: Redemption, Creation/Works, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and New Covenant. He also starts with a chapter explaining what a covenant is and finishes by highlighting how the covenants all point directly to Christ.

The Promises of God is released by publisher David C. Cook and, if I understand correctly, this book kicks off a series of books that Sproul and David C. Cook will be putting out with a unique format. The Promises of God is setup with a built in study guide at the end of each chapter. Where many books will offer questions to consider and further readings to pursue, or some books even have pretty in-depth study guides you can purchase separately or may be included at the end, this is the first book I have read with this type of built in study feature.

I am usually not too concerned with study guides to books. I do not know why but they usually do not interest me. It is the same thing with reflection or study questions included at the ends of chapters. It is not that I am against them or find them superfluous or anything of the sort. I am usually just uninterested. I cannot say the same for this book. The study guide is really cool! It is set up with an introduction, Scripture readings, a learning objective, quotation, detailed outline of the chapter, study questions, Bible study/discussion questions and suggested further readings. It is just a couple of pages, but it is extremely helpful for digesting the topic covered.

The chapters themselves are short and to the point. Sproul shares some anecdotes and expounds quite a bit on some points, but he is very straightforward and does not waste much time getting to the meat of the topics. While I enjoyed books like Sacred Bond and God of Promise, both were a bit advanced for a genuine newcomer to Covenant theology. The Promises of God is a great place to start for anyone seeking to understand the importance of covenant in interpreting Scripture and seeing the role of covenant in redemptive history.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through netgalley.com for review purposes.

Clara Roberts says

Sproul covers each of the covenant promises God made. The Creation, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and the New Covenant. The Creation covenant, sometimes called the Adamic Covenant is referred to as a covenant of works. Noahic covenant reminds us that "if all restraints on the human heart are taken away, unspeakable evil begins to reign." The Abrahamic Covenant reminds us that the only way we get into the kingdom of God is by God us as righteous. Mosaic Covenant is an extension of the Abrahamic Covenant of Grace. the zenith of the Davidic Covenant is the birth of Christ. "Justification was by faith in the Old Testament, just as it is in the New Testament."

kathyrn says

In The Promises of God: Discovering the One Who Keeps His Word R.C. Sproul tells us that nothing could be more foolish than not to trust the promises that God has made to us. He explains in this book the biblical covenants God has made with us His people and how He never breaches or alters these promises.

Each chapter explains one of God's covenants by explaining its origin in Old Testament and how it relates to our redemption by illustrating it thru all three persons of the Trinity. The book is perfect for the individual

reader or to read in a group. Each chapter also contains a study guide, recommendations of additional bible readings, learning objective, a bible quotation relevant to the chapter, an outline, study questions, additional bible study and discussion questions, and books suggested for further reading. The book is both informative and easy to read. Read as a netgalley copy.

Valerie Basham says

This book includes a study guide and questions at the end of each chapter which was a surprise. I didn't work through each chapter that way, but I might sometime in the future.

I needed to be reminded of the promises of God, and Dr. Sproul did that. He reminded me of the unshakable covenants God has made. Man has failed in keeping up his end of the agreement time and time again, but God did not fail. He sent His Son, the second Adam, to fulfill all that was required of us. What a blessing!

I do not agree with every word in this book (e.g., Baptism as a replacement for circumcision), but there is much good in these pages. Here are a couple of quotes that were a blessing:

I believe that the hardest thing for people to grasp in the Christian faith is that salvation is of the Lord. It is God who saves. The story of Abraham leaves no doubt about this. Abraham and Sarah's son, Isaac, was born completely through the power of God. God brought the descendants of Abraham into the Promised Land. The book of Joshua is replete with references that the conquest of Canaan is the Lord's work, not the work of the armies of Israel. It is supernatural, and so is God's redemption of His people. - The Promises of God by R. C. Sproul, p. 138

Many people believe that election is based on actions that God foresees. However, Paul could not have been clearer — God did not foresee some difference in behavior between Esau and Jacob. Furthermore, what was there in the life of Jacob that might cause God to choose Jacob rather than Esau? Jacob was a liar, a supplanter, and a cheater from the beginning. But God gave the covenant promise to him so that His sovereign grace in salvation should be made manifest. — The Promises of God, by R.C. Sproul, p. 138

You will be encouraged to see in these pages that we serve a promise-keeping God.

Jill says

This was a really good introduction to the Biblical covenants. Highly recommended if your looking for some accessible theology.

Jeremy Lee says

This is a good overview of the biblical covenants. I have two issues with the book: 1. The chapters on the New Covenant weren't well written, 2. Sproul assumes without any biblical citation or exegesis that the Old And New Covenant are two administrations of one Covenant of Grace. Once he offers a rational reason for his belief; however, his argument seems circular.

Michele says

The title of this book is a little misleading. It goes through the covenants of God in the Bible starting with Adam and ending with Jesus who ushered in the New Covenant. Although His covenants are technically His promises to us and prove that He does keep His word, I thought the book was going to talk about the promises found throughout scripture, showing me who God is. It is an in-depth Bible study which I also wasn't expecting. I managed to get through it because it is full of truth, but a little tedious for me.

Donna says

Reading the title of this book, I started it thinking it was going to cover the promises of God. It did, but not in the way I was expecting. It was about God's covenants. It was a good book and I enjoyed reading it, but a better book on the covenants is by Greg Nichols. I am still searching for a good book on God's promises.

Victor Gentile says

R. C. Sproul in his new book, "The Promises Of God" published by David C. Cook shows us Discovering the One Who Keeps His Word .

From the Back Cover: What Promises Can You Believe?

We hear a lot these days about promises. Most of the time, we focus on promises to each other, rather than on God's promises. But as we all know, human promises fail time and again.

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We make promises to each other however there are times when we cannot fulfill these promises. Most of us try to fulfill as many as possible while others fail miserably at keeping just a few. When God makes a promise it is to every person for all time only He calls it a covenant. In fourteen chapters, beginning with, "The Meaning Of Covenant" Dr. Sproul walks us through every covenant, what it meant when it was first made and what it means to us today. In Chapter Fourteen, "The Christ Of The Covenant" Dr. Sproul finishes by highlighting how the covenants all point directly to Christ. Each chapter is set up with a built-in study guide at the end. It is time we rooted ourselves firmly on the promises God has made. Not only will it give us a sense of security it will also provide us with the ability to reach out to others to give them the same security. "The Promises Of God" is a must have book. It is a must have for you because you will read it

once, stash it on your bookshelf and come back to it again and again for refreshing. It is a must have for your friends and family so that they can do the exact same thing. We all need to learn and understand and who better than Dr. Sproul to help us with that understanding. I recommend this book highly!

You can find “The Promises Of God” at a discount at <http://www.deepershopping.com/item/sp...>

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John says

This is a short, introductory work to the covenants that God has made with man. It is written to laymen, and does not go into great depth. It has study sections at the end of each short chapter, which would make good discussion points for a group to study together.

Those looking for a good introduction to the covenantal nature of the God's dealings with men, will find this a good place to start. But if you want to dig in deeply, you'll want to look elsewhere.

Logan says

I felt like it was something of a meandering overview of covenant theology. It was good, and in the classic Sproul style, but I found myself wondering who the target audience was exactly.

If it's for learning more about covenant theology, then I actually found the study questions and guide to be one of the best parts of the book.

Roger Leonhardt says

I have probably read a dozen Sproul books. Some are so good that they would be considered classics; others are good but do not have that extra something. This one is between the two categories but is still a great read.

Here Sproul takes us through the basics of Covenant Theology. The book is not so technical that it is hard to understand. Unlike most books on Covenant Theology, this one is very simple.

In each chapter, Sproul takes us chronologically through each Covenant that God made with man and shows how it fits with the New Covenant. There is one continuing story of what God has done for man. The covenants are just a progressive revelation of God's covenant with man. We also see what the New Covenant

means and what it's relation to the Old Covenant is.

The covenants have always fascinated me. How does God relate to man? Why did God call for sacrifices in the Old Testament and how does that relate to Jesus? Why did God give us the law if we are saved by grace through the New Covenant? Sproul delves into these questions and more.

If there was a downside to this book, it would be that it is a little too simple. The problem I run into when studying Covenant Theology is there is no middle ground. There are introductions and there are academic works. This one fits the introduction category. The academic works tend to be too technical to totally comprehend but the introduction doesn't give you any new information to bridge the gap between the two.

Even with the simplicity, I enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. If you have done any extensive study on the covenants it may be too redundant. But if you are just starting out, this may be the book to get you started.

I give it 4 out of 5 stars.

I received this book, free of charge, from David C Cook and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.
