

**Promises to Keep**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16

I. God Keeps His Promises

**“The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.<sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.”**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16a

This promise is even more significant when we remember Israel’s context.

God’s promises come also in our chaotic times.

Is God faithful? We have seen His promises fulfilled.

Simeon saw God fulfill His promises.

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:29–32

Advent, like the Christian life, begins and ends with a promise, and God always keeps His promises

II. We have promises to keep, but we often fail to keep them

At our Baptism we renounced the Devil, his works, and his ways

At confirmation we promised to be faithful and steadfast to death

In marriage we promised love, comfort, honor and faithfulness

We’ve likely made other promises as well

How well do we keep them?

III. God keeps His promises and by grace he keeps our promises too.

Christ was born under the Law that we promised to keep

The “righteous branch” executed justice and righteousness in the land, and then suffered for us.

His redeeming work saved Judah and brings true security (Jer 33:16)

In Him, the words of Jeremiah are fulfilled: **“this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’**

In Christ, God has truly kept His promises.

IV. God remains faithful even while we await his promises.

What we do now affects our future, but sometimes the future can shape the present.

There are times when promises seem like all we have to go on.

Advent calls us to look a tour world with realistic eyes. If our present existence is all that is real, then we should be pitied.

Thanks be to God, we don't have to settle for what is. We have God's solid promises.

God has always been faithful to His promises and He always will be.

Even when we fail, He is faithful. We can count on His promises.