God Is Reliable

Many times while playing with my granddaughter, setting up how something is about to be or will transpire she will emphatically say, "promise!" That statement can be applied either to me or to her, depending on what she is setting up. With that statement, she is displaying that an element of trust and reliability exists and the word promise solidifies such, producing confidence in the statement. This is a concept that all of us have learned as we grew and matured in life.

Regrettably, as we grow and mature in life we learn that placing confidence in some people brings dismay, thus the elements of trust and reliability we are willing to have in others begins to wane. Moreover, whereas this may be true with people, we must teach and remind ourselves that dismay with God is something about which we will never have to be concerned.

Consider Abraham, a man who demonstrated a great deal of trust and confidence in another, specifically God. The Bible records the confidence Abraham had in God. We read that it was through his faith that Abraham obeyed, and this faith was accounted unto him for righteousness (Genesis 15:6). Abraham's obedience, "Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him" (Genesis 12:4), demonstrates the trust and confidence he placed in God. Abraham had God's word, and on the word of God, he garnered the ability to make dramatic change with his life (Genesis 12:2-3, Hebrews 11:8). Abraham's confidence was based in the power and reliability of God.

Jeremiah describes God's power as limitless: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. There is

nothing too hard for You" (Jeremiah 32:17). God created all that we see, know, and appreciate physically. Thereby and certainly in God we can reliably and confidently trust!

Abraham trusted in Him whom he could not see, God. He believed in a future he could not see but knew would one day occur simply because God said it would. The future was a mystery to Abraham, yet he obeyed. That mystery no longer exists. We as Christians have the benefit of the full revelation of the mystery. God reveled the mystery through and with His Son, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3, Colossians 1:26-27). God has provided all we need to have full confidence in His reliability.