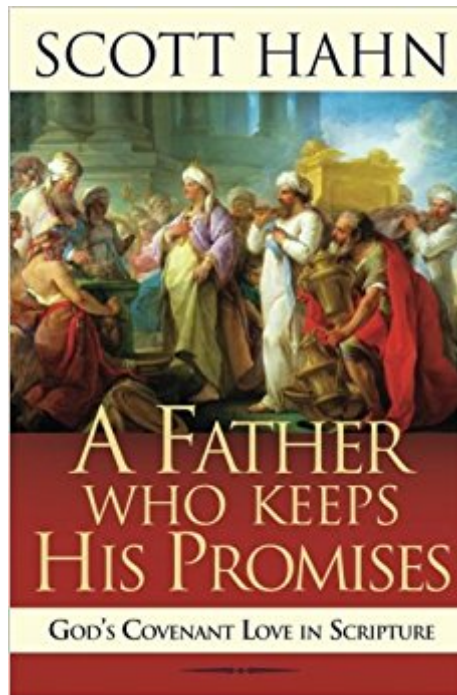




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A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love In Scripture



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I had the digital version of the book on my kindle. I carry it with me during my daily visits to the Lord on my guard hour. It took me a few months to finish the book as I only read it when I am in the presence of the Lord. I was chewing on the words and tried to digest them slowly glancing at the Lord from time to time saying "Ah, so that is what you meant..". It helped me understand the old testament which was so confusing in a sense that I couldn't understand what the Eternal Father meant and why He did what He did. The author refer to the Bible verses, history and practices which helped in relation to understanding the culture at the time the Scripture was written. It made me see clearer the role of the Church as the bride and us as individual bride the Lord loved so much. After reading the book, I have a new concept of the Church and realized the whole story of creation and salvation is truly the best love story ever written for all time. It goes beyond human understanding and perception of love and mercy. It made me stop and stare at the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in awe "Lord, what kind of love is this? Unfathomable, extra ordinary, exemplary..." There is no word to describe. It made me think that "wow, I do really have an awesome Eternal Father and God and I am glad I am adopted" . He does keep His promises. Highly recommended for those who are having difficulties understanding the Old Testament and correlating it with the New Testament. Its like treasure hunting where the things that are hidden are made clear . Like jewels being uncovered that builds a concrete and beautiful bridge parallel to the New Testament. Totally awesome.

A good read. It is refreshing to see a catholic focus on the mercy and love of our Father, which rarely preached on on our parishes. I wish he had focused even more on this fact, though, he did a good job. Over all, this book brings our a good representation of how much we really are loved. The one thing it does not discuss is how to receive this love: Mass and confession are good starts; personal prayer, obvious...but...those are still not enough. Why? As a life long catholic, I now see that we must seriously ask, and keep asking until we receive, for the Love of God, Who is Jesus, to be planted down deep in us. He is not someone we can get and put inside ourselves. Yes, Mass does this...but...we must ask until the reality, this deep abiding "knowing/feeling" of being loved

dwells within us in a very tangible way. Until then, life is very dry..a desert....and I'm sure God knows and planned it this way.

In this wonderful book, Scott Hahn traces God's covenant love through the old testament and right down to the new covenant. He reveals the truth of the scriptures and of God's covenant, that God is a father that loves his children (us), and relentlessly pursues us so that we might be a part of his covenant, his very family. It tells the story of how God lovingly formed the world for Human habitation, placing his creation Adam in the garden who was to defend and guide God's handiwork and offer it all up to God as a sacrifice of loving praise. But Adam failed and plunged the human world into sin. Dr. Hahn follows the thread all through the OT, through Abraham the father of the faithful, and through Moses the mediator. Along the way, he shows how the design behind all of God's actions is to build the human race into a family, the family of God. Indeed, reality is a love story. The story of God pursuing sinful man to draw him into his covenant relationship. Finally, he brings the whole story to a conclusion by examining Jesus and the new covenant. He shows how Jesus Christ brought in the greatest stage of God's plan, his worldwide family, the catholic church. He accomplishes this by dying for the sins of men and giving his perfect life as a eternal offering of love to the father. Indeed, the very act of the sacrifice was a fulfillment of the Passover liturgy, as he turned the third cup of blessing into the Eucharist and the fourth cup of consummation into his bloody death, one single sacrifice which is given for us to accept and consume, to unite ourselves with God and his covenant love. This book is about God's covenant love - the Gospel. And what is that Gospel specifically? Hahn spells out the Gospel message on page 240-243: 1. God is more than a wise creator, he is our loving father. 2. God has established a sacred covenant with us from the start - a sacred family bond of communion. 3. We have all broken God's covenant. 4. We desperately need our Father's mercy and Grace. 5. The solution to this came when God became Man in Jesus Christ. Jesus took on our weak nature to perfect us and give us a share in the divine life of God. 6. Jesus seals the New Covenant through his sacrifice that began in the upper room and ended on Calvary. 7. Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit is his gift to us. 8. Jesus gives us this Spirit through the sacraments. And his own body through the eucharist. 9. Jesus gives us the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church as our family, and Mary as our mother. 10. We are on a pilgrimage to heaven where we will be with God forever beholding his awesome beatific vision. This is an incredible book and I recommend it to everyone who wants to understand God's covenant love, just what the Old Testament is about, and how it all fits together. This book is a masterpiece.

Just a simple review from a simple man. I am not a biblical scholar and have been challenged to understand many of the books of the Old Testament. I finally decided to see what writings were out there to help. I came across this book by Dr. Hahn and have to say I simply love it. Generally speaking, he provides a clear and thorough review of the Old Testament. I have such a better understanding of historical events that occurred from the Creation of Adam and Eve to the Birth of Jesus Christ. He does an incredible job of tying together Old Testament events, Laws, Rulers, etc. and he makes it make sense. I plan to read the book again after I finish the last few pages. It's that good...

Dr. Hahn does a great job in this book of bringing to light the meanings behind the Old Testament books we've often just breezed through. In doing so, he brings to life the covenant promises God has made to his people throughout history, and he shows how they are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. If you've ever wondered why all those "begats" are important, read it! You'll come away with an appreciation for the unity of the Bible you've never before experienced!

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