

God Will Never Tell a Lie

International Bible Lesson

Psalms 89:29-37

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“Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David” (Psalms 89:35—KJV).

“Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David” (Psalms 89:35—NRSV).

God declared through the Psalmist that He would not lie to David; God could have added that He will never lie to anyone. Moses explained why God will never lie, “God is not a human being, that he should lie, or a mortal, that he should change his mind. Has he promised, and will he not do it? Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?” (Numbers 23:19). God’s perfect moral character can be described as “holiness.” God can make an oath or promise based only upon His holiness because no one and no thing is better, greater, more perfect, or more holy than God. God will keep all of His promises because no one is more powerful than God; so, no one can thwart His purposes or disrupt His plans. God can do what He says anytime, because no one will outlive our eternal God. He will be present throughout eternity to do whatever He wills. In answer to the two questions posed in the Book of Numbers, God did not lie to David. When Jesus was born, God sent the Messiah He promised He would send in the line of King David. No matter how often David’s descendants sinned, were removed from office as punishment, defeated by their enemies, sent into exile, or faded into obscurity, the Jews miraculously preserved the genealogy of King David; so, they knew Jesus was born in the line David. Jesus entered Jerusalem and declared He was the Messiah about 1000 years after King David died, and He now reigns from a throne in heaven. God can keep every promise He has made at any time.

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1. How has God proven that He did not lie to King David?

2. Which of the four (or seven) names in Isaiah 9:6 mean the most to you personally? Give a reason for your answer.

3. Why was it important for Joseph to be a righteous man?

4. Why do you think Joseph might have been afraid to take Mary as his wife?

5. How did Joseph have assurance that Jesus was the Son of God?