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ESV 15 Minutes

**God is Faithful**

***Outline Manuscript for 2 Kings 11 (Simple Inductive Form)***

**Topic:** Covenantal Faithfulness

**Subject:** The way God kept his promises to David

**Complement:** If God can keep his covenant with David, God can keep his promises to you.

**Purpose:** The listeners will come to trust that God is a covenant-keeping God

# Introduction

### Interest: The day all hell broke loose for me was 31 May 2010.

#### On May 31, 2010 I was preparing to leave my house to send off a missionary at the airport.

#### But the authorities came and took me away for questioning.

### Need: How do you respond when there are setbacks in your life? [Raise need]

#### Have you experienced a trial in your life where your life or your future was on the line? A report from the doctors about your health or the health of one of your loved ones?

#### Have you thought that God has forgotten about you?

#### Would you like to hear a story of God’s faithfulness that turned a setback into a comeback?

### Subject: God is faithful to us today and to his people throughout history. Today we will see the way God kept his promises to David long after David had died and left this earth.

### Background

#### This was a time the Davidic line was under threat. Immediately preceding 2 Kings 11 was the death of Ahaziah, the king of Judah—so 2 Kings 11 was written to show what happened after his death and how Athaliah his mother reigned over Judah.

#### Athaliah was a wicked and idolatrous woman. She even broke into the Temple and used the dedicated things of the LORD to worship Baal (2 Chron 24:7)!

### Preview: Today we will see *three ways God kept his covenant to David* by preserving Joash his heir and restoring him to the throne.

### Text: 2 Kings 11

(The first way God kept his covenant with David was… )

# I. God protected Joash’s life (11:1-11).

 [David’s heir was preserved from death.]

## God protected Joash from Athaliah (1).

## God protected Joash through Jehosheba and Jehoiada (2-4).

## God protected Joash through soldiers who were loyal to David (5-11).

## Here, we see God’s hand in raising up godly people to protect and nursed Joash. Jehoiada was a godly priest and Jehosheba was his wife. I can imagine Joash being taught the Scriptures by this precious couple that were loyal to God and to David.

## When I was going through my dark days, God brought prayer partners to come alongside me to pray with me. They provided for my family and visited us often. Like Joash, I had my Jehoiada, an elder of a church who guided me and was like a spiritual father to me. He taught me the Word of God and guided me to read books that helped turn me back to God.

## God preserved Joash until he was 7 years old, old enough to be presented before the people and to be recognized as the King of Judah.

(Besides protecting Joash’s life, the second way God kept his covenant to David was…)

# II. God restored Joash to be the King of Judah (12).

 [Joash was crowned to sit on David’s throne]

1. God had made a promise to David to establish his throne forever (2 Sam 7:14).

### In 2 Sam 7:14, David wanted to build God a house.

### Instead, God promised David that he would build his house and establish his throne forever.

1. God kept his promise to David when Joash reigned as king instead of Athaliah (12).

### Despite all our imperfections and unfaithfulness, God continued to be faithful to his covenant. After David, Solomon, and Rehoboam, the kings of Judah were not all faithful to God. Yet the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and steadfast in his love.

### My trial verdict and appeal showed God’s faithfulness to me as well.

(Finally, the way God kept his covenant with David was…)

# III. God removed all the evil in the land (13-21).

 [The LORD eradicated all wickedness in Judah]

## Athaliah was put to death (13-16).

## The house and priests of Baal were destroyed (17-18).

## The people of Judah rejoiced and there was peace in the land (19-20).

## In the Scriptures, we see other such examples of how God turned an impossible situation around, a setback into a comeback.

### In Exodus, Pharoah tried to kill all the male Hebrew infants below 2 years of age. But God turned that setback into a comeback when on the 10th plague, all the firstborn of the Egyptians, including Pharoah’s son, died and Israel was freed from slavery.

### Then in the New Testament, Herod tried to kill the infant Jesus, but God preserved him. In the end God’s plan could not be thwarted and God’s purposes was established through Jesus by his death and resurrection. God is faithful.

## Back to the story of my life…

### When I went home together with my wife after a 12-hour interrogation by the government, I thought my world had ended, my ministry was over, and my life as I knew it was over. I thought how wonderful it would be if Jesus would return now!

### But God showed me his grace every day for the next 10 years of my life. He brought godly Christians to pray for me and encouraged me. He provided for my family financially. He sustained me through more than 100 days in court, not to mention the very costly legal fees. After I was released from prison, I was thankful that he opened a way for me to come to SBC. Finally, he gathered a group of lost sheep together and they assured me that I could pastor them again, so we started our new church last year.

(So, what have we seen today from the passage?)

# Conclusion

### God kept his promise to David by preserving Joash’s life, crowning him as king and removing all the evil in the land of Judah (MPs).

### Are there unforeseen circumstances that came upon you suddenly and you felt out of control? As a result of this setback, you are doubtful of God’s promises to you? (Application)

### Well, God turned a setback into a comeback. God never breaks his promise never to leave us (Heb 13:5)! I want to encourage you to put your trust in him because he is faithful. (Exhortation)

### If God can keep his covenant with David, God can keep his promises to you (MI)!

### Let’s pray.

# Study Questions (Step 1)

# Context: What did the author record just prior to this passage?

### Jehu killed King Ahaziah of Judah (2 Kings 9:27-28)

### Jehu demolished the pillar and house of Baal (2 Ki 10:26-27)

### Jehu reigned as King over Israel for 28 years (2 Ki 10:36)

### The decline of the kingdom of Israel (2 Ki 10:32-33)

### After the death of King Ahaziah, there was no apparent heir (implied)

# Purpose: Why is this passage in the Bible?

### Athaliah killed the entire royal family but God preserved Ahaziah’s newborn son Joash to be the king, to show God’s faithfulness in preserving his covenant to David.

# Background: What historical context helps us understand this passage?

### God made a covenant with David that his kingdom will be established forever (2 Sam 7:12-16)

### “I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.” (2 Sam 7:12)

# Sources Used

### Paul R. House, *1, 2 Kings,* Vol. 8, *The New American Commentary* (TN: Broadman & Holman, 1995).

### William H. Barnes, *1-2 Kings*, ed. Philip W. Comfort, Vol. 4b, *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2012).

### Donald J. Wiseman, 1 and 2 Kings: An Introduction and Commentary, Vol. 9, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993).

# Questions & Answers (cf. p. 22 #1)

### Who is Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah? She is the daughter of Ahab and granddaughter of Omri, Kings of the northern Kingdom Israel (2 Ki 8:26-27)

### Who is King Ahaziah? He is the King of Judah, the southern kingdom. But he was also the son-in-law of Ahab (2 Ki 8:25,27)

### Who killed King Ahaziah? Jehu of the northern kingdom Israel (2 Ki 9:27-28)

### Why did Athaliah kill all the royal family? To end the Davidic line so that she could reign over the land of Judah (2 Ki 11:3 implied)

### Was Athaliah’s claim on the throne legitimate? No, and there was no record of her being legitimately anointed by any priest (implied)

### Who did Athaliah worship? Baal because the priest could only kill the priest of Baal after the death of Athaliah (2 Ki 11:18 implied)

### Who is Joash? Joash is the son of Ahaziah, and therefore rightful heir to David’s throne (2 Ki 11:2)

### How old was Joash when he became king? 7 years old (2 Ki 11:21)

### How many years did Athaliah reign over Judah? 7 years (2 Ki 11:3-4 implied)

### Who is Jehoiada? He was the priest of the house of the Lord, where Joash was hiding for 6 years. (2 Ki 11:9)

### Where was Joash anointed? In the house of the Lord (2 Ki 11:10-11)

### Who anointed Joash? He was anointed legitimately and rightfully by a priest (2 Ki 11:12)

### Why did the priest bring out King David’s spear and shield to the guards (2 Ki 11:10)? To remind them that God is faithful to his covenant with David.

### What was the significance of the covenant that Jehoiada made (11:17)? A reminder and recommitment to the Davidic covenant

### What happened when the rightful King and worship to Yahweh was restored? The people of the land rejoiced (2 Ki 11:20)

# Tentative Subject/Complement Statements

The reason we can trust in God is because he is faithful to keep his covenant

# Possible Illustrations

### My personal testimony (major setback ending up in prison)

### My children’s disappointment (not keeping my promise)

### Prayer partners (Individuals who helped us through the hardest times)

### A church elder (who guided me during my dark days)

# Possible Applications

### Can you trust God for your life? Family? Studies? Ministry?

### Are there unforeseen challenges in your life that seem to a setback to God’s purposes in your life? Sickness? Finances?Older Outlines of This Sermon Text or Outlines by Others (Books, Commentaries, etc.)

### Text

**God Is Faithful**

***2 Kings 11***

**Exegetical Outline (Steps 2-3)**

# Exegetical Idea (CPT): The way God kept his covenant to David was by protecting Joash from death and crowning him as king.

# I. The way God kept his covenant to David was by protecting Joash from death (11:1-11)

## God protected Joash when Athaliah destroyed all the royal family (1)

## God protected Joash by using Jehosheba to nurse him (2-3)

## God protected Joash by using Jehoiada to raise him (4)

## God protected Joash by using captains and guards who were loyal to David (5-11)

# II. The way God kept his covenant to David was by crowning Joash as king (11:12)

# III. The way God kept his covenant to David was to remove all the evil in the land of Judah (11:13-21)

## Athaliah was put to death (13-16)

## The house and priest of Baal were destroyed (18)

## The people of Judah rejoiced and there was peace in the land (20)

**Purpose or Desired Listener Response (Step 4)**

The listeners will come to trust that God is a covenant-keeping God

**Sermon Outline** (Simple inductive form)—Steps 5-6

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(So how does God show his faithfulness to his covenant with David?)

# Conclusion

### God kept his promise to David by preserving Joash’s life, crowned him as king and removed all the evil in the land of Judah (MPs).

### Are there unforeseen circumstances that came upon you suddenly and you felt out of control? That it would be a setback to God’s purposes in your life? A health report? Finances? (Application)

### If God can keep his covenant with David, God can keep his promises to you (MI)!

### Let’s pray.