

Chapter 7: God Makes Promises to His People

God is always faithful. He asks us to be faithful too.

Chapter Summary

From the beginning of time, God had a plan for creation. That plan included calling all people to come to know Him. God's plan was fulfilled by Jesus, the Messiah, who was foretold at the time of the Fall of Adam and Eve. God spoke the first prophecy of the Messiah. He promised that the seed of the serpent (sin) would be crushed by the seed of the woman. Throughout history, God chose prophets to speak His words and deliver His message. Prophets reminded people of God's promises and called them to repentance. God also made covenants to form sacred bonds with His people. After the Flood, He established a covenant with Noah and all living creatures that will last until the end of the world. He entered into a covenant with Abraham and made him the father of many nations. Through the descendants of Abraham, Jesus—the Messiah—would come.



Greatness as a Family

God is calling your family to do great things for Him, and He equips you through grace with what you need to accomplish His will. Magnanimity is a virtue given to us by God. Magnanimity means “greatness of soul.” With this virtue, we are able to do great and noble things for God and others with confidence. Here are some examples of how your family can begin living with magnanimity:

- Holy and magnanimous families can lead other families by their witness of word and actions.
 - Consider inviting another family over for a religious movie night or beginning a family faith study group. Go to the parent portal for resource ideas.
 - On a larger scale, consider helping your parish organize a family ministry that connects families through social and prayer events.
- Families can do great things for God by how they model charity and servanthood.
 - Consider arranging a neighborhood food drive or hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for the less fortunate.
- Parents can live with magnanimity by teaching their children how to pray and by praying with them.
 - Pray the Rosary together, meditating on the Joyful Mysteries. Reflect on Mary's magnanimity. She was a young girl who did a great thing for God. See the appendix on page 301 of the Student Text for instructions on how to pray the Rosary.

***“The ways of
the Lord are not
comfortable. But we
were not created
for comfort, but
for greatness.”***

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.