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In Parenting by God's Promises: How to Raise Children in the Covenant of Grace, Dr. Joel R. Beeke explores what this nurture and admonition looks like and offers gems of practical wisdom for parents on topics such as instituting and leading family worship, teaching children, modeling faithful Christian living, and exercising discipline. However, he carefully puts parental responsibilities in their proper perspective and guides mothers and fathers to lean not on their own abilities but to trust more fully in the God who knits children together in the first place. Above all, he affirms, parents must look to the one true God, who promises to provide everything His people need and to bless them and their families.

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Editorial Review

Review

To our great shame, far too many Christians raise their children without much thought as to what makes parenting distinctively Christian. Secular patterns of thought and habit have deeply infected Christian homes, and an antidote is urgently needed. Thankfully, it arrives as *Parenting by God's Promises* by Joel Beeke. This is a truly helpful and healthy book for Christian parents- deeply biblical, theological, and practical. Parents, prospective parents, and churches will want to keep *Parenting by God's Promises* close at hand.

--Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr.: President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

In an age of pragmatism, Joel Beeke is a drink of fresh, cool theological water. Raising children is about more than just surviving until they leave home; Beeke reminds us that Christian parents must view their roles in the broader context of God's redemptive work. Our goal must be raising children who, by God's grace, come to know and follow the Lord who has redeemed us and called us to Himself. This is a daunting task, and parents need all the help they can get. For those desperate to hear a clear thoughtful, biblical, theological, Reformed treatise on the subject, *Parenting by God's Promises* is a valuable read.

--Dr. Voddie Baucham: Pastor of preaching, Grace Family Baptist Church, Springs, Texas

The defection of young people from the church is creating great concern in our day. Oftentimes the solutions seem to exacerbate the problem. Joel Beeke's book, *Parenting by God's Promises: 'How to Raise Children in the Covenant of Grace'* is a sane, biblical word in the midst of the chaos. The book blends a vibrant covenant theology with wise, practical instruction. Moreover, it keeps a balance between family and church in the nurture of our children. This book is an important read for pastors, elders, parents, and grandparents.

--Dr. Joseph A. Pipa Jr.: President, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina

From the Inside Flap

This book delves into how parents can raise their children in greater dependence on God's promises as opposed to relying on worldly methods and "wisdom." Few parenting books are written from this Reformed, covenantal perspective. We hope it will help parents become more biblical in their parenting and more covenantal.

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