



“And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

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of this week’s lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary®  
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### **A PROMISE MADE TO THE PEOPLE**

Last year, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. President John F. Kennedy launched that effort in a famous speech before the people gathered in the Rice University stadium in Houston on September 12, 1962. He made the vow that America would put astronauts on the moon and bring them home safely within the decade of the 1960s. It was a promise that was kept, though he who made the promise did not live to see it fulfilled.

### **A PROMISE KEPT BEFORE THE PEOPLE**

King David had wanted to build a temple in Jerusalem, but God, though pleased with his desire, gave the honor to his son Solomon. David’s vow was fulfilled by someone else. When Solomon was dedicating the temple, he addressed the people to praise God for how He had kept His promise to David, to Solomon, and to Israel.

1. If you remember the space race of the 1960s, how confident were you that President Kennedy’s vow could be accomplished?
2. What is the most significant promise that someone has kept with you?
3. Why are some promises made before other people?

#### **Additional Resources**

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