

Your New Covenant Promises 2021-02-07

Hebrews 8:6-13

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

*8 For he finds fault with them when he says:
“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,*

*9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.*

*10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*

*11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.*

*12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”*

13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

VHS/phone did OK but limit: New Covenant never obsolete: it's mediator eternal/perfect High Priest.

- Jesus Christ is mediator of New Covenant that He ratified with His blood.
 - So New Covenant promises to draw you near God and transform you are certain!

Covenant = an agreement; usually between 2 parties. Genesis 12:2-3, Exodus 19:5, Galatians 3:15, 17-18

- Unconditional Covenant...God binds Himself to do certain things but not conditioned upon actions of others.....Abrahamic Covenant.
- Bilateral: obligations/commitments for both sides = Mosaic Covenant.
 - Blessings IF kept cursing IF fail to keep/disregarded. Deuteronomy 28:1-68
- Mosaic Covenant/Law 430-600 years after Abrahamic Covenant not nullify or change Abrahamic Covenant.
- New Covenant prophesied 800 years after Old Covenant but eventually superseded faulty Old Covenant. Hebrews 8:7-9, 13, Romans 7:12, 15

Fault in 1st covenant was "with THEM"— not "it": Jews who came out Egypt....men.

- law good: establishes God's standard of right, reveals sin/need for salvation
 - Faulty: men powerless to resist sin and achieve right God requires.
 - Weak: law not provide complete forgiveness of sins, impart spiritual life, draw men near God like New Covenant does. 2 Corinthians 3:6

Unconditional New Covenant better than bilateral Old Covenant because has better guarantor. Hebrews 7:22, 8:10a

- God's promises "I will" do this not sinful men promising to keep covenant
 - vastly superior New Covenant is based what Jesus did for us not what we do.

New Covenant better than Old Covenant: complete forgiveness of sins available= Jesus' atonement.

- Jesus ratify/mediate better covenant of grace not works. Luke 22:20, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 11:6
 - Relationship with God works OR grace. Never works+grace.

New Covenant better than Old Covenant because it contains better promises. Hebrews 8:6, 10b-12

- God promises write law/His will on hearts and in mind....promise of Holy Spirit.
 - Holy Spirit works internally to change hearts from stone to flesh.
 - Enables love, trust and follow Jesus from inside out, with freedom and joy
 - Holy Spirit creates love for God and desire obey His commands/Law.
 - Result: draw near to Lord thru faith in Jesus Christ.
- New Covenant promises we can become God's people with personal, intimate (know Lord) relationship with Him instead of Old Covenant relationship of fear and distance.
 - He your God/Father and you His people/children.
 - truly "know Lord" personally so no need to teach one another.

New Covenant was ratified by Jesus' blood, initiated by God's work in men's hearts thru Holy Spirit and appropriated by faith in Jesus Christ.

- New Covenant promises total forgiveness of all sins and writing of God's law on hearts.

New Covenant promises to draw you near God and transform you are certain...In response:

- Proclaim to lost total forgiveness of sin and God's mercy found in New Covenant.
- With Holy Spirit empowered new heart strive against sin and follow Jesus with glad heart.
- Respond to truth you are God's and He is yours by fellowshiping with prayer.