

A BETTER COVENANT - I

Heb. 8:6-13

1. PESSIMISM AND DARKNESS THAT LOOMS OVER THE HORIZON
 1. Is. 60:1 - "*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*"
 2. II Thes. 2:8 - "*And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.*"
2. THE SECRET IS IN BEING IN COVENANT WITH GOD
3. GOD'S COVENANT WITH US IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
 1. Healing - Ex. 15:26
 1. Commands
 1. Diligently hearken to God's voice
 2. Do that which is right in his sight
 3. Give ear to his commandments
 4. Keep all His statutes
 5. Serve the Lord (Ex. 23:25) -
 2. Promises
 1. I will put none of these diseases upon thee (PREVENTIVE)
 2. I am the Lord that healeth thee (AFTER THE FACT)
 3. I will take away sickness from the midst of thee - "*And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.*"
 2. Provider
 1. Jehovah-jireh
 2. My God shall supply all our needs
 - A. Protector - Psalm 91
 3. Dwelleth - to sit down; remain; to settle in the sense of taking up a homestead or staking out a claim and resisting all claim-jumpers to possess a place and live therein
 4. Secret place - a covering; hiding place (implies *covenant*)
 5. He is my refuge and my fortress
 6. He shall deliver thee from snare of the fowler
 7. Thou shalt not be afraid
 1. Terror by night (*devious attacks*)
 2. Arrow that flieth by day (*open attacks*)
 3. Pestilence that walketh in darkness
 - (1) From Atlanta Journal and Constitution (Nov. 7, 1992) - "*Ukraine ravaged by diphtheria*"- "*Outbreaks of disease*"

come as no surprise in a region now regarded as 'the new sick man of Europe,' according to published reports. Cholera, typhoid, polio, measles and other diseases--once thought vanquished--have begun to re-emerge. Infant mortality is rising, life expectancy is falling and deaths now outnumber births for the first time since World War II."

4. Destruction that wasteth at noonday
hand

4. BECAUSE THOU HAST MADE THE LORD THY HABITATION

1. No evil shall befall thee
2. No plague come nigh thy dwelling
3. Give angels charge over you
4. Tread upon lion and adder

5. BECAUSE HE HATH SET HIS LOVE UPON ME

1. I will deliver him
2. Set him on high
3. I will answer him
4. I will be with him in trouble
5. I will deliver him
6. Rewards of the Lord
 1. Honor him
 2. Satisfy him with long life
 3. Shew him my salvation