

A BETTER COVENANT - I

Heb. 8:6-13

I. PESSIMISM AND DARKNESS THAT LOOMS OVER THE HORIZON

A. 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."*

B. 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."*

II. THE SECRET IS IN BEING IN COVENANT WITH GOD

III. GOD'S COVENANT WITH US IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Healing - Ex. 15:26

1. Commands

- a. Diligently hearken to God's voice
- b. Do that which is right in his sight
- c. Give ear to his commandments
- d. Keep all His statutes
- e. Serve the Lord (Ex. 23:25) -

2. Promises

- a. I will put none of these diseases upon thee (PREVENTIVE)
- b. I am the Lord that healeth thee (AFTER THE FACT)
- c. 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."

B. Provider

1. Jehovah-jireh
2. My God shall supply all our needs

C. Protector - Psalm 91

1. 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
2. Secret place - a covering; hiding place (implies *covenant*)
3. He is my refuge and my fortress
4. He shall deliver thee from snare of the fowler
5. Thou shalt not be afraid
 - a. Terror by night (*devious attacks*)
 - b. Arrow that flieth by day (*open attacks*)
 - c. 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."*

d. Destruction that wasteth at noonday
 hand

IV. BECAUSE THOU HAST MADE THE LORD THY HABITATION

- A. No evil shall befall thee
- B. No plague come nigh thy dwelling
- C. Give angels charge over you
- D. Tread upon lion and adder

V. BECAUSE HE HATH SET HIS LOVE UPON ME

- A. I will deliver him
- B. Set him on high
- C. I will answer him
- D. I will be with him in trouble
- E. I will deliver him
- F. Rewards of the Lord
 - 1. Honor him
 - 2. Satisfy him with long life
 - 3. Shew him my salvation