

# A BETTER COVENANT - II

Heb. 8:6-13

## I. NEED FOR GOD'S COVENANT

- A. Provision
- B. Protection

## II. PURPOSE OF THE NEW

- A. If old sufficient, no need for new
- B. New is better
- C. Essence of new
  - 1. Heb. 8:10-12 - "*...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: ...*"
    - a. I will be to them a God
    - b. They shall be to me a people
    - c. I will be merciful to their unrighteousness
    - d. Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more
  - 2. II Cor. 3:2-3 - "*Ye are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*"

## III. OLD COVENANT SYMBOLIZED BY TABLES OF STONE AND CHARACTERIZED AS MINISTRATION OF DEATH

- A. "*But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones was glorious...*" (II Cor. 3:7)
  - 1. The old covenant was glorious
  - 2. Could not behold Moses' face
  - 3. A glory that was to be done away with
- B. For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory (II Cor. 3:9)
- C. Represented a vail over the face
  - 1. Vail was blindness
  - 2. II Cor. 4:4-5- "*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*"
  - 3. Which vail is to be done away in Christ (II Cor. 3:14) (spirit of revelation)
  - 4. When turn to Christ, to be done away (II Cor. 3: 16)
- D. "*For if that which is done away is glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.*" (II Cor. 3:11)

## IV. THE NEW COVENANT MARKED BY SPIRIT, LIFE, AND LIGHT

- A. Letter killeth, but spirit gives life (II Cor. 3:6)
- B. Words of the Lord are spirit and life (John 6:63)
- C. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and of death (Rom. 8:2)

#### V. NEW COVENANT REPRESENTS GREATER GLORY OR GREATER LIGHT

- A. II Cor. 4:6 - *"For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of god in the face of Jesus Christ."*
- B. Is. 60:1-2 - *"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."*
- C. Col. 1:12-13 - *"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:..."*
  - 1. In whom we have redemption through his blood
  - 2. Forgiveness of sins

#### VI. SUMMARY OF COMPARING THE OLD WITH THE NEW

- A. Old
  - 1. Death
  - 2. Condemnation
  - 3. Passing glory
- B. New
  - 1. Life
  - 2. Redemption, justification, salvation
  - 3. Power of transformation, which is able to give us power to overcome and live victorious life
  - 4. Greater and lasting glory
    - a. Glory of latter house greater than glory of former house (Hag. 2:9)
    - b. Former house - Solomon's temple (natural habitation)
    - c. Latter house - spiritual house; temple of Holy Spirit; whose house we are (I Cor. 6:19; Heb. 3:6)
      - (1) Glory will fill this house
      - (2) Epistle (glory of gospel) to be read of all men
      - (3) Indwelling Holy Spirit (New Testament) vs. "spirit upon" (Old Testament)

#### VII. GREATER DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. ...least in the kingdom of God greater than John the Baptist (Lu. 7:28)
- B. They without us cannot be made perfect (Heb. 11:39-40)

VIII. THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT (Eph.1:17-18)

*"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints..."*

IX. DO YOU SEE WHY WE CAN TRUTHFULLY DECLARE THAT THE NEW IS BETTER AND THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY AND HOUR THE CHURCH HAS EVER KNOWN?