

Everlasting Covenant Promises #1 & #2

Hebrews 8:1-13

Psalms 51:1-12

Romans 12:1-5



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God's Eternal Purpose

God's Everlasting Covenant

- A covenant promised! (Jeremiah 31; 32)
- The seven "I WILLs of GOD" made to HIS SON!
 - ① I WILL put My LAWS in their minds.
 - ② I WILL write My LAWS on their hearts.
 - ③ I WILL be their GOD.
 - ④ I WILL make them My special people.
 - ⑤ I WILL cause them to KNOW Me.
 - ⑥ I WILL be MERCIFUL to their UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - ⑦ I WILL remember theirs sins and lawless deeds no more.
- Importance of Doctrine - pointing back to Jude

Establishment of the Covenant (Hebrews 8:6)

- All of God's covenants are based on PROMISES - BETTER PROMISES.
(See Jeremiah 33:20; Ephesians 2:12)
- All of God's promises are **YES in** Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20-22)
- "established" (**PERFECT TENSE**) is νομοθετέω meaning "legally established" or "established by law". This **new** and **better** covenant is established by the authority of GOD.

For Whom Did God Make this Covenant? (Hebrews 8:8)

- Is it only for the house of Israel and the house of Judah?
- This new covenant God promised to make with "the house of Israel and with the house of Judah." The word, "Israel" is used in the Scriptures in no less than five distinct senses.
 - First**, it is the name which God gave to Jacob when he wrestled with the angel and prevailed as a prince (Gen. 32:28).
 - Second**, it denotes his fleshly descendants called "the children of Israel," that is, the Jewish nation.

Third, it is employed of the ten tribes, the kingdom of Samaria or Ephraim, in contradistinction from the kingdom of Judah, and this, after the Nation was rent asunder in the days of Jeroboam.

Fourth, it is applied spiritually to the whole of God's people (Gal. 6:15-16).

Fifth, in Isaiah 49:3 (note the verses which follow) and Hosea 11: 1 (with Matthew 2:14-15) it appears to be applied to Christ Himself, as identified with His people. Personally, we believe that it is the second and the fourth of these usages that obtain in our present passage.

★ **CONTEXT - CONTEXT - CONTEXT**

➤ The writer is writing to Jewish believers to convince them that Christ is superior to the prophets, angels, Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Melchizedek. He is showing that Christ came to fulfill the Father's promise of **NEW COVENANT** (Better Covenant) promised in Jeremiah. Jesus Christ came to "ratify" this New Covenant with His own blood. (Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 9:15; 12:22-24)

➤ The Hebrews saints are now part of something **NEW - THE CHURCH - the WHOLE PEOPLE of God**. (Galatians 6:16; Hebrews 12:22-24)

★ The **NEW COVENANT** is for **ONE NATION** - the Holy Nation of God - a nation with citizens from every nation - NOT JUST ISRAEL - 1 Peter 2:9; John 3:16; Eph 2:14-22; Eph 3:1-12; Revelation 5:9.

Fulfillment of the Covenant

- Fulfillment of this covenant happens at the **MIRACLE (supernatural act of God)** when God gives a **NEW HEART** (Ezekiel 36:26) to His special people. AND He puts HIS SPIRIT in them to **cause** them to **walk in** and **obey** His commandments! (Ezekiel 36:27)
- This new heart "pumps" **NEW LIFE** throughout all of the believer. This **NEW LIFE** is eternal life. Eternal life has two basic characteristics:
 - ① **Quantity** - it is forever. It is forever. It is forever.
 - ② **Quality** - It is a **NEW LIFE** - a new way of living. It is **BEING** the **NEW CREATURE** re-created in the image of God. (2 Cor 5:17)
- This new heart gives the believer new affections for God and His Word.
 - This **NEW HEART** brings with it a **REAL LOVE for GOD** (Deut 30:6) and a **REAL DELIGHT** and **LOVE** for God's Law (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 40:8; 112:1; Psalm 119:16, 24, **35**, 47, 48, 70, 77, 92, 97, 113, 119, 127, 143, 159, 163, 165, **167**, 174)

BEHOLD! (Hebrews 8:8)

Foundation of the Covenant

- (v. 12) “For” ὅτι hoti {hot'-ee} is a **causal conjunction** (“since”; “because”).
 - The first five promises of this **new** and **better** covenant are sure “because” of the two promises in this verse.
- (v. 12) “I WILL be **merciful** to **their** unrighteousness, **their** sins, and **their** iniquities.”
 - “unrighteousness” is ἀδικία adikia {ad-ee-kee'-ah} is the unrighteousness of heart and life.
 - “sins” is ἁμαρτία hamartia {ham-ar-tee'-ah} is “missing the mark”
 - Romans 3:23 – THE MARK IS PERFECTION! (Matthew 5:48)
 - “iniquities” or “transgressions” is ἀνομία anomia {an-om-ee'-ah} is contempt for the law; treason, rebellion.
- ⑥ **“I WILL BE MERCIFUL”** (ἵλεως hileos {hil'-eh-occe} means “propitious”) God sent His Son to be a PROPITIATION – an APPEASEMENT of His WRATH (anger) towards sinners. God’s mercy comes through God pouring out His wrath unto His Son **in our place**. (See the picture in Leviticus 16:21) (See Rom 3:25; 1 John 2:2 1 John 4:10; Hebrews 2:17)
- ⑦ **“I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE”** – THIS IS PARDON OF SINS – NOT JUST SIMPLE FORGIVENESS! (See Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 38:17; 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:19)

THE PROMISES IN THIS COVENANT ARE NOT BASED ON ANY THING THAT MAN DOES! IT IS WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED to HIS SON DESPITE WHAT HIS PEOPLE DO!

Promise #1: **“I will put my Law in Their Minds”**

- Connect to Psalm 1:1-3 and Psalm 119:1-3.
- It all starts in the MIND!
- Satan’s battle for our and our children’s minds.
- The mind convinces (inflames) the emotions and both the mind and emotions move the will.
- **The will is NOT FREE.** It is a servant of the mind and emotions.
- **The ORDER:** MIND, then the EMOTIONS, then the WILL.
- God gives us understanding (1 John 5:20). God gives us the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16). God gives us submission! (Romans 8:7)

- Our darkened understand will be enlightened. (Ephesians 4:18; 5:8)
- By this we will be able to understand the things of God. (1 Cor. 2:14)
- The Law of God becomes the RULE of LIFE.
- By this our minds are renewed. (Romans 12:2)
- The carnal mind is enmity against God and is NOT subject to God's law. (Romans 8:7)
- By having the Law in our minds it is ever before us! (See Deut. 6:6-9)

Promise #2: "I will write my Law on their hearts."

- The "heart" is distinguished from the "mind" and is the seat of affections and the will.
- First, our understanding is enlightened and then our hearts are reformed.
- Our desires, affections, emotions and our DOINGS are regulated by the law which is written on our hearts.
- We now have a genuine desire to please God. (Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1)
- We become *zealous for good works*. (Titus 2:14)
- BECAUSE of promises 6 and 7 and this promise disciples:
 - Love God's Law (Psalm 1:1-3; 119:1-3; 47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 159, 163, **165, 167**)
 - Demonstrate their love for God and Christ by obeying His commandments. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
 - Delight DOING God's will. (Psalm 40:8; Matthew 7:21)
 - Those who do not love God's Law, do not love God or Christ, and are CURSED! (1 Corinthians 16:22)

Being Honest with Ourselves: Did Christ Die for Me?

- ① Is the entirety of my life regulated by the Law of God? Is God's Law continually on my mind? Do I meditate on God's Law night and day?
 - ② Do I exceedingly love God's Law? Do I really delight in God's Law? Do I believe that God's Law is good for me, my family, my church?
- ★ Does my life give evidence to my brothers and sisters that I have God's Law written on my mind and my heart?

LET US REMEMBER!
IN GREAT AWE!