

PROMISE #3

I Will Be Their God

Hebrews 8:10-12

Psalm 24:1-10

Philippians 4:10-20



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Watching the Moon

- Those who are true disciples, those who have been BLESSED by the grace of God in salvation, are carefully watching for and longing for the second coming of Christ. (Luke 12:35-37; Titus 2:11-14)
- Watching the moon, as we approach the Feast of Trumpets, reminds us that we are to be watching, praying, and doing. (Luke 12:43; 21:34-36)
- Watching reminds us that we are to *reflect* the light of Christ to the world around us! (John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16)

Eternal Purpose

- Before time began God had a purpose for His creation. (Acts 4:28)
- Before time began God chose! (Ephesians 1:3-4; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:28-30)
- Before time began God knew all His works. (Acts 15:18; Isaiah 46:9-11)
- God works EVERYTHING according to His will/purpose/plan/counsel. (Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35)

Everlasting Covenant

- Before time began God, the Father, entered into a covenant His Son.
- God's will was that Christ, the Son, would die for all that He, the Father, gave Him. (John 10:27-29; 17:2, 6, 8-9, 11, 24; 1 Peter 1:18-20)
- Salvation would come to ALL who Christ died for. (John 6:37-40, 44, 65; 17:2-3)
- IF the Son accomplished the Father's will, the Father promised seven blessing on those for whom Christ died.
- The seven "I WILL's 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 their sins and lawless deeds no more.
- Christ came to do the Father's will and accomplished that will. (Hebrews 10:7; John 4:34; 5:30; 17:2-4; 19:30)

Established on Better Promises (Hebrews 8:6)

- All of God's covenants are based on 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**) means "legally established" or "established by law". This **new** and **better** covenant is established by the **authority of GOD**.

BEHOLD! (v. 8b)

Foundation of the Covenant (v. 12)

- (v. 12) "For" 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."
- **"I WILL BE MERCIFUL"** ({*hileos*} 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)
- **"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
DESPITE WHAT HIS PEOPLE DO!**

Five "I WILL's" On Top of this Foundation

- ① "I WILL put My LAW in their minds."
 - God's Law is constantly on the disciple's mind. It is always before Him to guide him.
 - God's Law is the disciple's rule of life. (Psalm 119)
 - The disciple meditates on God's Law day and night. (Psalm 1:1-3)
- ② "I WILL put My LAW on their hearts."
 - The disciple LOVES God's Law. (Psalm 119:1-3, 47, 48, 97)

- The disciple demonstrates his love for God by his obedience. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
- The disciple delights in doing God's will. (Psalm 40:8; Matt 7:21)
- ③ "I WILL be to them GOD."
- ④ "I WILL make them My people."
- ⑤ "I WILL cause them to know Me."

Promise #3 - "I WILL Be to Them GOD."

- Who is God? - The supreme, all-knowing, almighty Creator of the entire universe and absolute Ruler over everything and everyone in the universe. (Acts 17:24-25; Isaiah 46:9-11)
 - King of kings, Lord of lords, God of gods.
 - Judge of all, Lawgiver, King, Saviour (Isaiah 33:22)
 - The One who hold the breath and life of all living thing in His hand. (Job 12:10; James 4:13-16; Acts 17:25)
 - The SOVEREIGN GOD who rules over angels, demons, nations, leaders, and ALL individuals. (Dan 2:21; 4:17, 32, 35; Isaiah 40:15, 17; 46:9-11)
- God chooses to whom He will be God.
 - Certainly, God is the God of all since He is everyone's Creator.
 - There is but ONE God. (Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5, 6, 14, 18, 21, 22; 46:9; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 32:39; 1 Kings 8:60; Joel 2:27)
- BUT God here is describing a **covenant-relationship**.
 - **He is ELOHIM. He is ADONAI. BUT He is YAHWEH to His people.**
- Unbelievers are without God. (Ephesians 2:11-12)
- Promises that come with God being our God.
 - ★ He is their King. (Isaiah 33:22; Psalm 44:4)
 - ★ He is His people's Shield. (Genesis 15:1; Psalm 3:3; 18:2; 91:4; 119:114; Proverbs 30:5)
 - ★ He is His people's great reward/inheritance. (Genesis 15:1; Psalm 73:25-26; Psalm 16:5-6; Lamentations 3:24)
 - ★ He is His people's refuge, fortress, strong tower. (Psalm 28:8; 46:1; 91:1-2; Proverbs 18:10)
 - ★ He is His people's Guide. (Psalm 31:3; 48:14; 73:24; Isaiah 48:17-18; 58:11)
 - ★ He is His people's Hiding Place. (Psalm 17:8; 27:5; 32:7; 119:114)
 - ★ He is His people's Counselor. (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 16:7; 119:24; Isaiah 28:29)
 - ★ He gives His people a new heart so that they will love Him. (Deuteronomy 30:6; Ezekiel 36:26-27)
 - ★ He gives His people a new heart to KNOW Him. (Jeremiah 24:7)
 - ★ He is His people's Deliverer. (Exodus 20:2; 2 Samuel 22:2; Psalm 18:2; 40:17; 144:2)

- ★ He gives His people His own Spirit so that they will obey Him. (Ezekiel 36:27)
- ★ He is His people's Helper. (Psalm 121; 33:20; 46:1; 124:8)
- ★ He is His people's Hope. (Psalm 71:5; 146:5; Jeremiah 17:7; Lam 3:24)
- ★ He is His people's Potter. (Romans 9:21; Isaiah 64:8)
- ★ He is His people's Comforter. (Romans 15:5; Psalm 23:4; 2 Cor 1:3-4)
- ★ He is His people's Shepherd. (Psalm 23:1; 79:13; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:11-12; Hebrews 13:20)
- ★ He is His people's Refiner. (Isaiah 48:10; Psalm 66:10; Proverbs 17:3; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- ★ He is His people's Father. (1 John 3:1; John 1:13; Psalm 89:26)
- ★ He is His people's Upholder. (Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 37:17, 24; 41:12; 63:8; 145:14)
- ★ He is His people's Saviour. (Isaiah 43:11; 45:20-21)
- ★ He is their righteousness. (Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16; Isaiah 45:24-25)
- ★ He promises to be with them in their trials. (Isaiah 41:10; 43:2)
- ★ He promises them a city with mansions. (Heb 11:10-16; John 14:1-3)

Who Is Like Our God?

- Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 3:24; Psalm 89:6-8; Isaiah 40:18, 25

There Is No Other

- 1 Samuel 2:2; 2 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 86:8; Jeremiah 10:6-7; Isaiah 46:9-10

ISAIAH 45:22

"Look to Me, and be saved,
All you ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

God Chooses to Be Our God!

- He chose us before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
- He chose us to be our God before the foundation of the world.
- He entered into a covenant with His Son to insure His choice.
- He worked HISTORY to make it SO!

There Is NO IF in the Everlasting Covenant!

- This is a covenant of PURE GRACE!!!

Let Us REMEMBER!