

The New Covenant

(Sermon 21 in the Hebrews Series)

Hebrews 8:7-13

v. 7 – The Old needed to be replaced.

The Mosaic Covenant, from the beginning, pointed to a better day.

Deut. 30:6 -- *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

v. 8 – House of Israel and House of Judah

v. 9a – What covenant is being referenced?

It is specifically the Mosaic Covenant with all its rituals and regulations. Jeremiah specifically cites the coming out of Egypt.

The true unity between the OT and the NT and the Mosaic Covenant and the New Covenant is found in the fact that the old points to the new.

v. 9 b -- Israel and Judah in the OT were covenant-breakers over and over.

v. 10 --

1. The inauguration of the New Covenant would be entirely the work of God alone. **“I will make”**.

2. **“house of Israel”** – in history – Israel had already been overrun by the Assyrians – and ceased to be a nation. Yet Jeremiah speaks about a nation.

3. **“after those days”** – it hadn’t come yet. It was promised to come – and it was what the true OT saints looked toward – by faith. **Heb. 11:39-40**

4. **“I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts”**

This New Covenant still has laws, but they aren't written in stone.

These laws are summed up in Love God and Love man.

5. **“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”**

THIS is the essence of the New Covenant.

1 Peter 2:5, 9-10

1. a chosen generation
2. a royal priesthood
3. a holy nation
4. His own special people

v. 11 – All know the Lord.

We don't evangelize Christians.

From the least to the greatest – they are all children of God.

v. 12 – their sins are forgiven.

This is not something new. We will see in Hebrews 11 men and women who were saved – salvation has always been by faith.

This ends the quote from Jeremiah.

v. 13— The Mosaic Covenant was never meant to be permanent.

All the glorious institutions of the law were at best but as stars in the firmament of the Church, and therefore were all to disappear at the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. John Owen, Hebrews 8

The New Covenant is a great blessing – but does you no good you are not a part of it.