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GOD'S COVENANTS – OLD & NEW

INTRODUCTION: God’s Spirit through the writer now begins to explain the benefits we have as Christians, compared with ancient Israel. What he has been saying is that Christ is superior to everything in the Jewish ministry and priesthood. He explains the differing covenants past, present and to come. Thus, moving from ‘shadows to reality,’ he shows that the real thing for Christians is our blessed privilege of being “in Christ.” So in these next two chapters, we come to learn of the New Covenant God struck with believers in the Church Age, and the New Covenant to come for Israel. Therefore, today we will study this teaching and ministry and in this chapter we’ll see . . .

I. THE OLD COVENANT IS COMPLETED –*FOR ISRAEL* (vv.1-5)

II. A NEW COVENANT HAS COME –*FOR THE CHURCH* (vv.6-7)

III. A NEW COVENANT IS COMING –*FOR ISRAEL* (vv.8-13)

CONCLUSION: Not all are agreed as to the promise of these new covenants. Much depends upon whether you view the Scriptures literally, or you tend to spiritualize some of it. However, viewing the Bible literally in everything, unless textually required to see it allegorically, will bring this conclusion seen and taught today. God has struck a “New” Covenant with the Church, composed of both Jews and Gentiles. This group will forever be divided in purpose and service to Christ in eternity. Nevertheless, God has promised a great portion of Abraham’s children would be gathered to be with Him as a nation for eternity also. This is God’s promise of a “New” Covenant with them, similar to the Church. Both will serve God’s people throughout eternity. The Question is, will you be benefitting of God’s “New” Covenant available in this Age of the Church?

BIBLE TEXT FOR MESSAGE

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Hebrews 8:1-13 (NIV)

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. 4 If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. 5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." 13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.