

The Superior Covenant (Part 2)

Text: Hebrews 8:10-13

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I. The fruits of the New Covenant (Heb. 8:10-13)

A. The New Covenant is internal and not external (Heb. 8:10b).

****Revelation of God through regeneration and obedience**

Remember the old covenant? The sacrifices, the laws, the commandments, the rituals, and all that went with them? They were predominantly external. People obeyed out of fear of punishment.

Contrast the new covenant: The reasons for obedience will come from a heart that desires to reverence, worship, and love God. This is true repentance and conversion. This is regeneration of the heart. This is not an outward cleansing, but an internal devotion towards God.

B. God will be their God and they will be His people (Heb. 8:10c)

****Revelation of God through consecration**

God will be their God. They will not serve idols and idols will not control them. This is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises. The Jewish nation will be completely consecrated to God as His own people.

"The new covenant guarantees regeneration to its participants" (Kent 153).

C. God will be fully manifested to His people (Heb. 8:11)

****Revelation of full communion with God**

With God's law and Holy Spirit within, we have the greatest teacher combination in human history!

D. God will mercifully offer complete forgiveness (Heb. 8:12)

****Revelation of total pardon**

Under the old covenant forgiveness was clearly offered, but it was always temporary.

But according to the new covenant the nation will have complete forgiveness, pardon, and restoration. The nation's sins will be finally forgiven!

Based on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His final forgiveness, the sins of the people will be remembered no more.

II. Final conclusion (Heb. 8:13)

So what is the difference then with the new covenant? Jesus Christ. He is the further revelation of God. In the old covenant God only revealed Himself through the externals: the priest, the sacrifice, the Holy of Holies; and His presence was veiled with only one person able to come unto Him. With each passing event, with each subsequent occasion, culminating with the coming of Jesus Christ, God fully and finally revealed Himself. The work of Jesus Christ through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension proved who He was and His purpose for His people.

God cannot improve on the revelation of Jesus Christ nor will there ever be a need of a newer covenant than the new one. The cross showed the seriousness, exhaustiveness, and decisiveness of God in actions that prior had never been demonstrated. Thus, it is right and accurate for God to say in the new covenant that He will be His people's God and they will be His people! This truly will be a consecrated relationship.