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The doctrine of the divine covenant lies at the root of all true theology. It has been said that he who well understands the distinction between the covenant of works and the covenant of grace is a master of divinity.

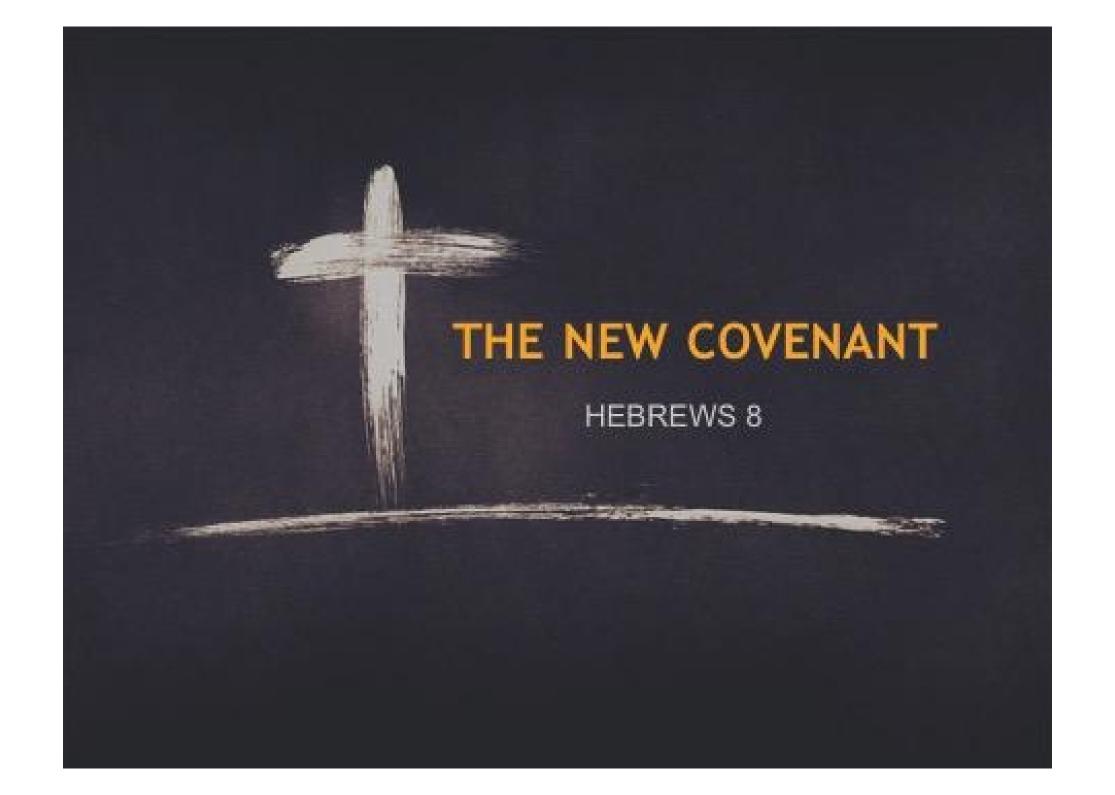
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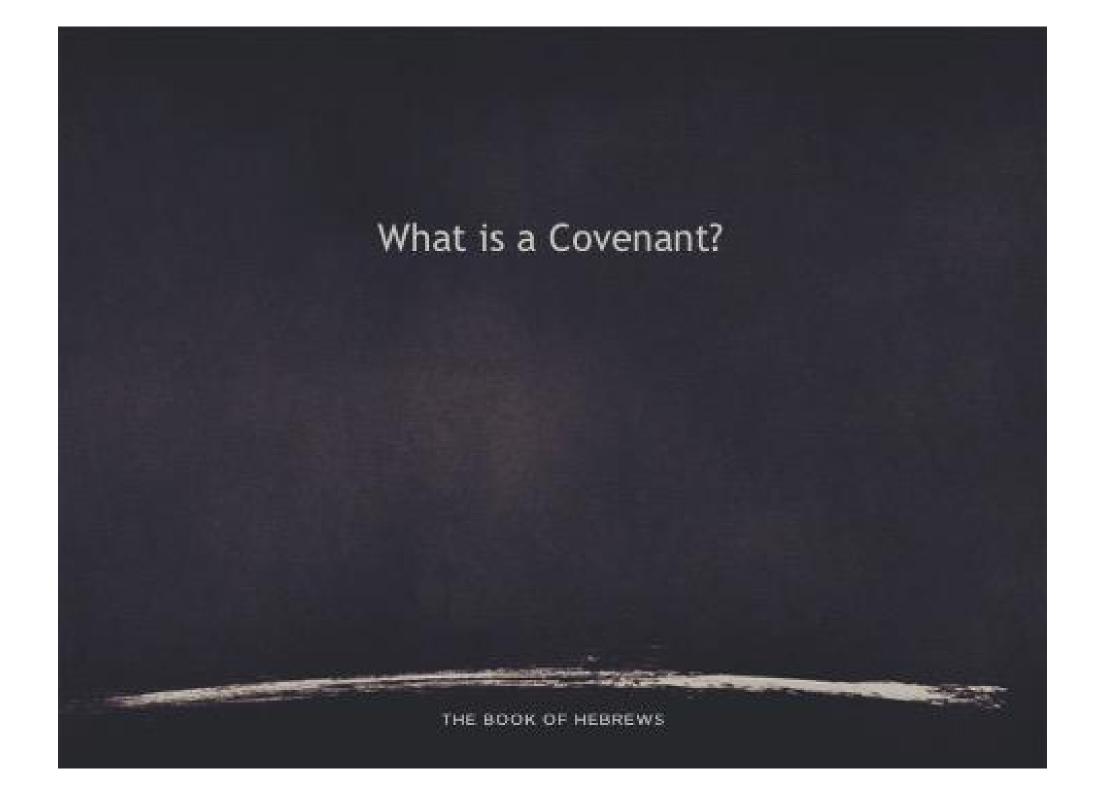


I am persuaded that most of the mistakes which men make concerning the doctrines of Scripture are based upon fundamental errors with regard to the covenants of law and of grace.

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What is a Covenant?

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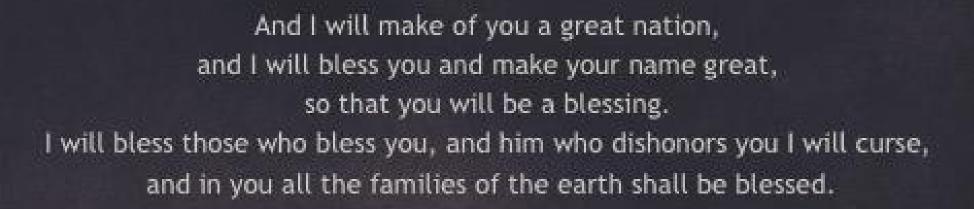


Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring
after you, and with every living creature that is with you,
the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you,
as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.
I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh
be cut off by the waters of the flood,
and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

(Genesis 9:8-11 ESV)





(Genesis 12:2-3 ESV)

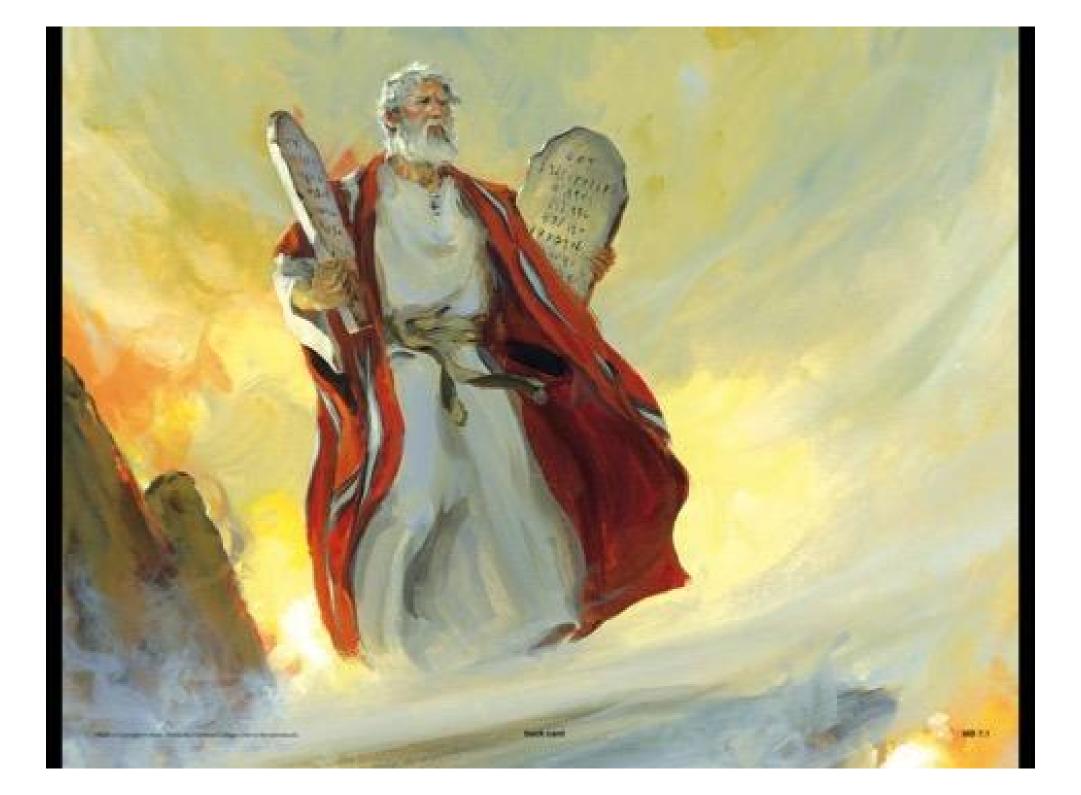


When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers,
I will raise up your offspring after you,
who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
He shall build a house for my name,
and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

(2 Samuel 7:12-13 ESV)

COVENANT

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Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

(Exodus 19:5 ESV)

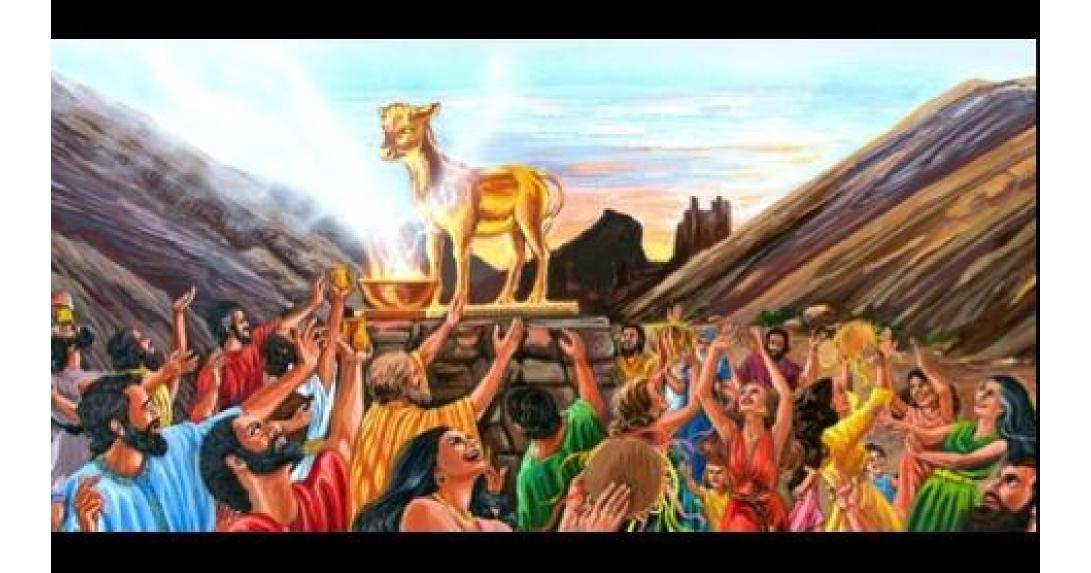
Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."

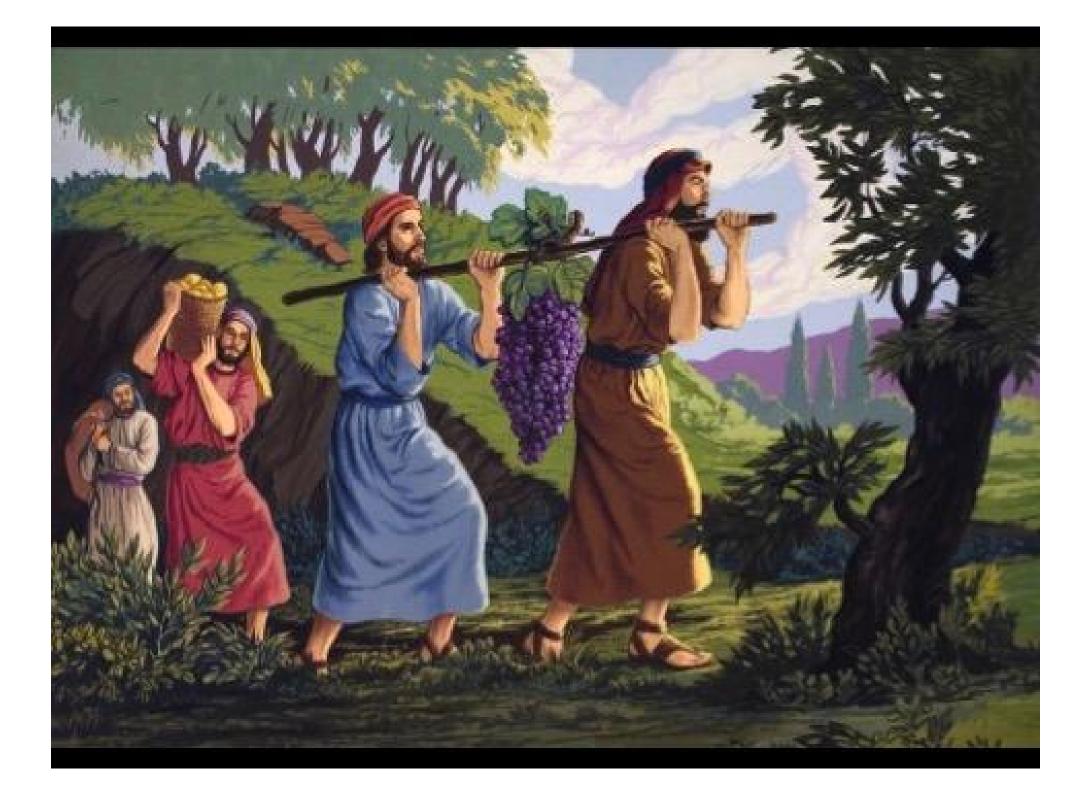
And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

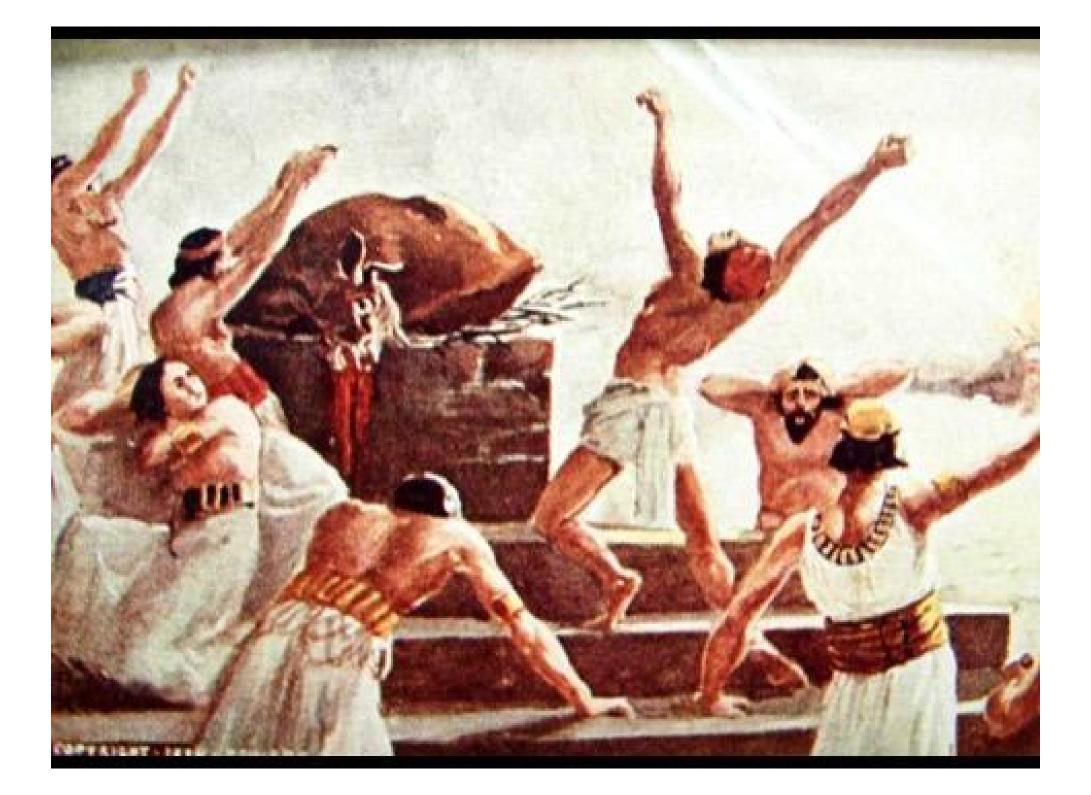
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Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

(Exodus 24:7-8 ESV)











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not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

(Hebrews 8:9 ESV)

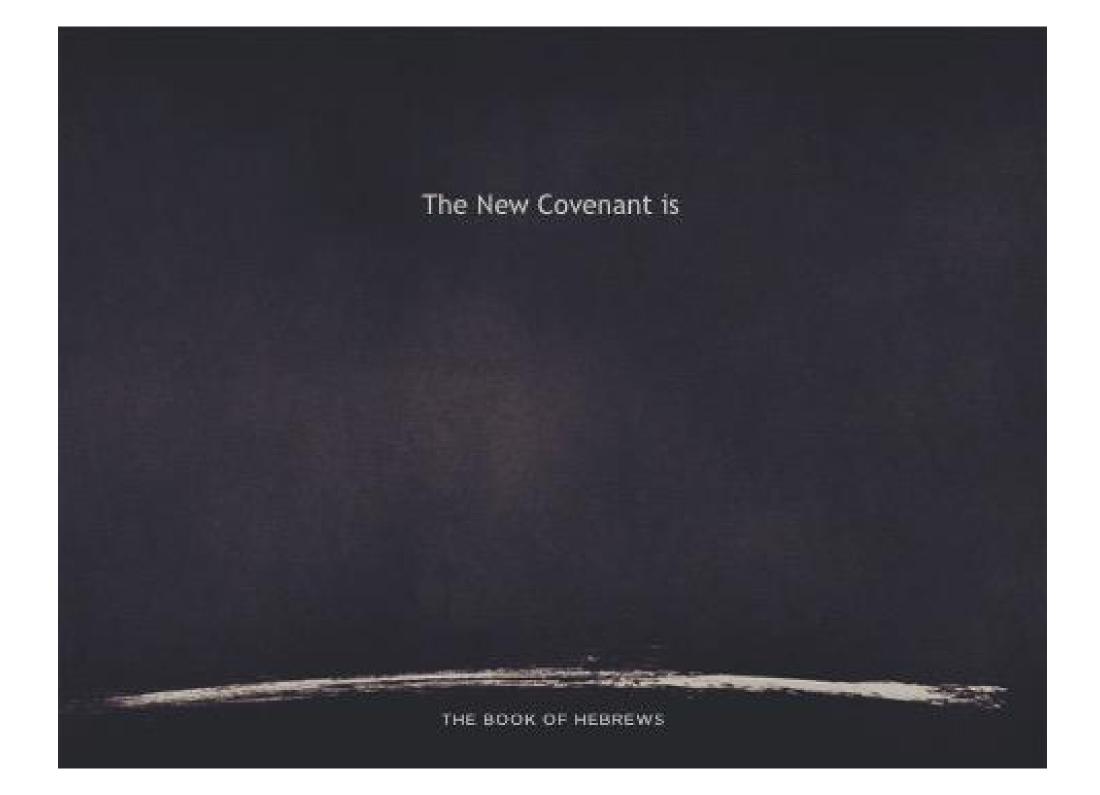
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and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
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for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
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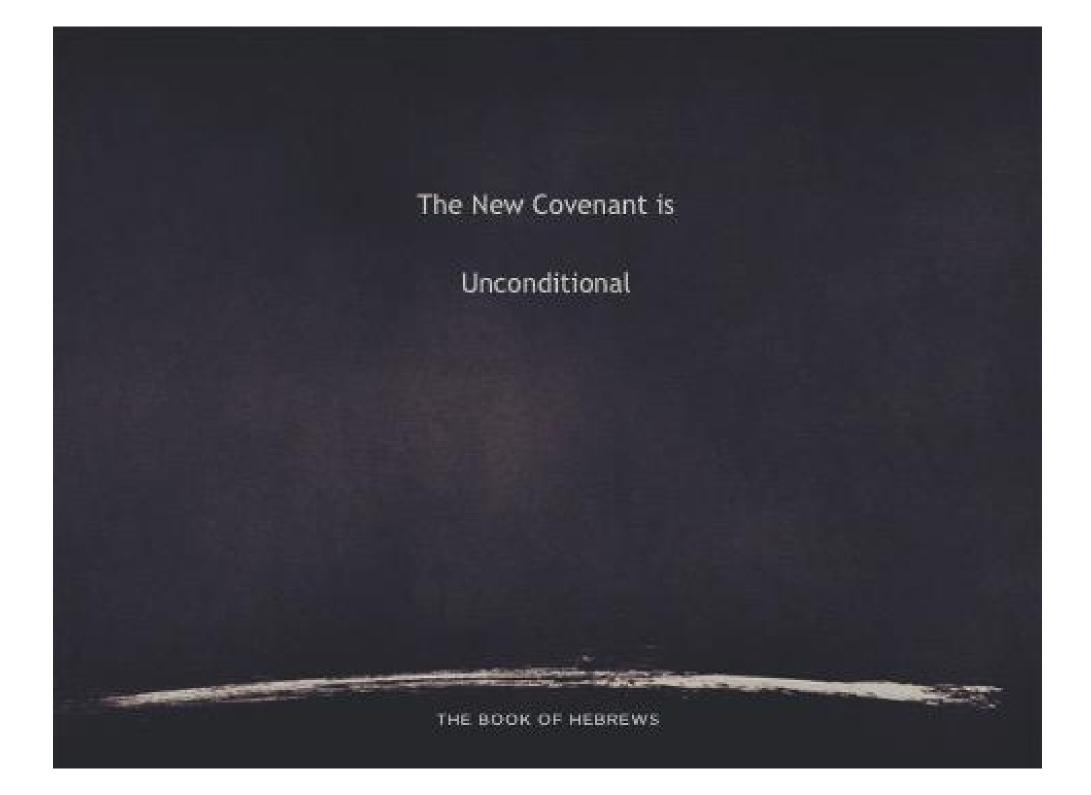
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It is done...

You are forgiven! (Col 2:13)

You are healed! (1 Pe 2:24)

You are blessed! (Eph 1:3)

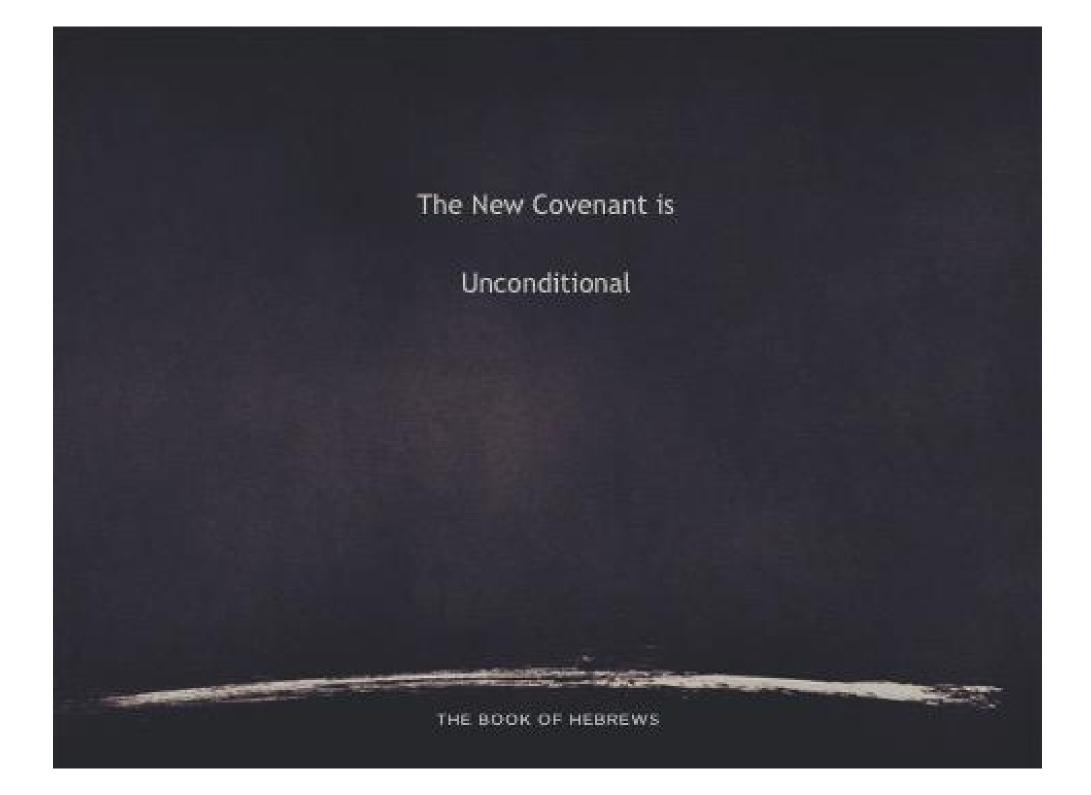
You are righteous! (2 Co 5:21)

You are holy! (Heb 10:10)

You are mighty! (Eph 1:19)

You are accepted! (Rm 15:7)

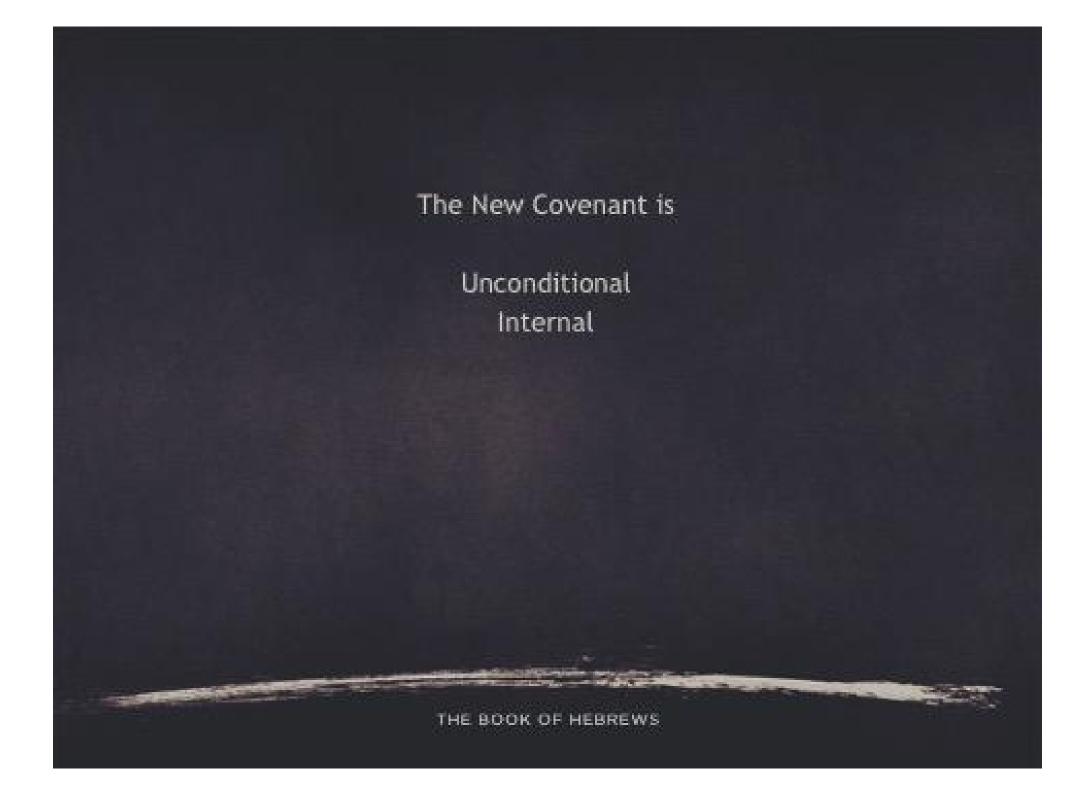
You are loved! (Rm 8:39)



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And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you
a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

(Ezekiel 36:26-27 ESV)

Unconditional Internal

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts......

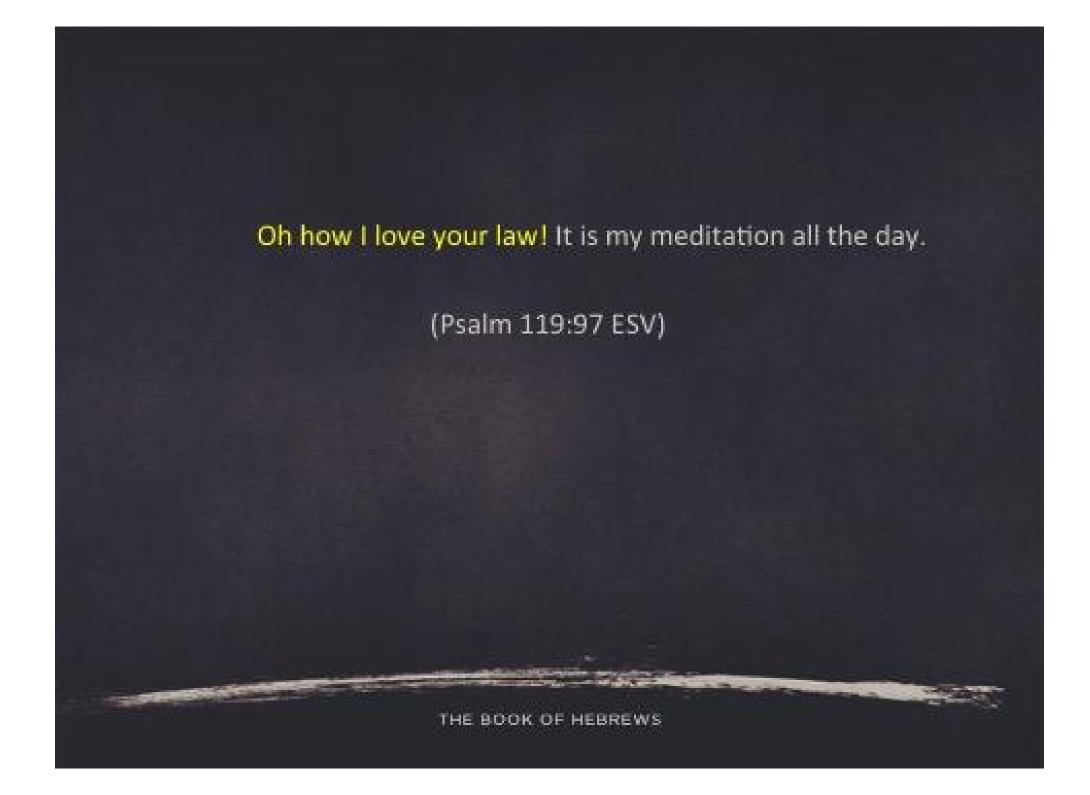
God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit.

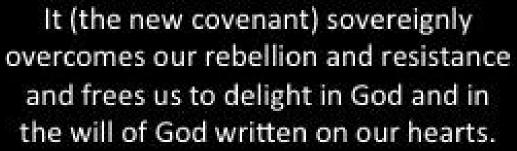
(2 Corinthians 3:3-6 ESV)



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

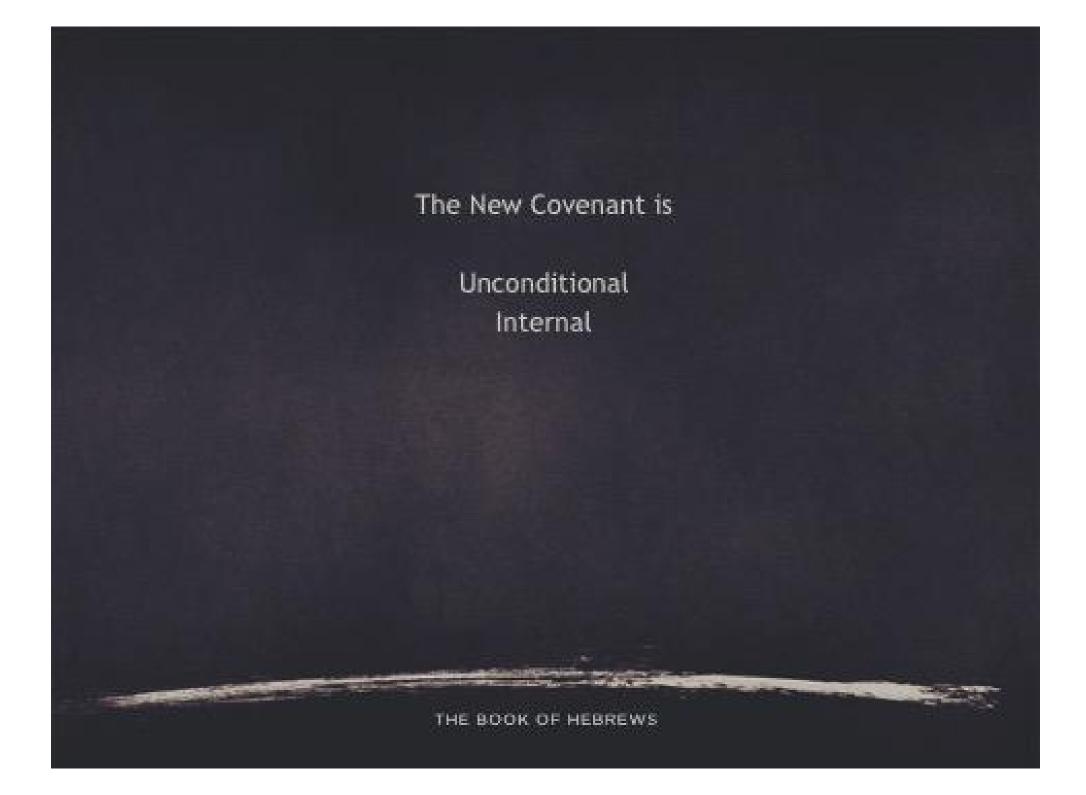
(Psalm 1:1-2 ESV)





John Piper







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I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

(Eze 36:25)

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I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them.

And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. (Jer 32:40)

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In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete.

And what is becoming obsolete and growing old

is ready to vanish away.

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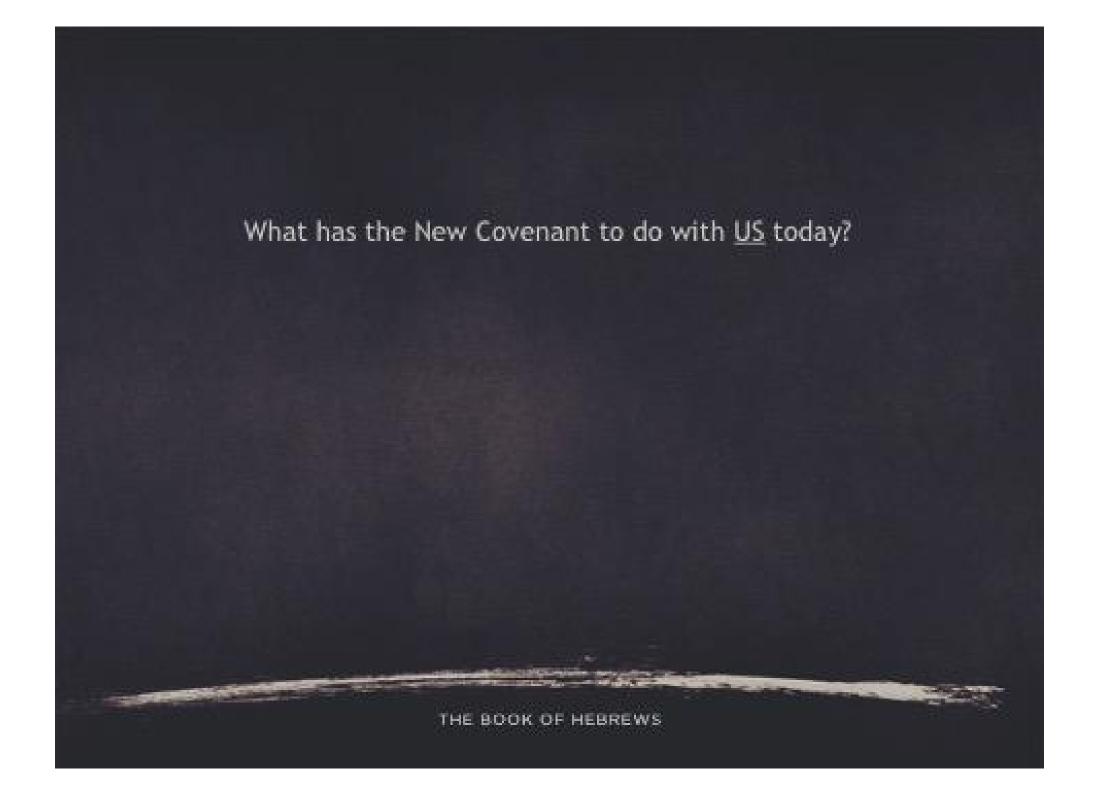


WHO is this New Covenant for?

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There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:28 ESV)

remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

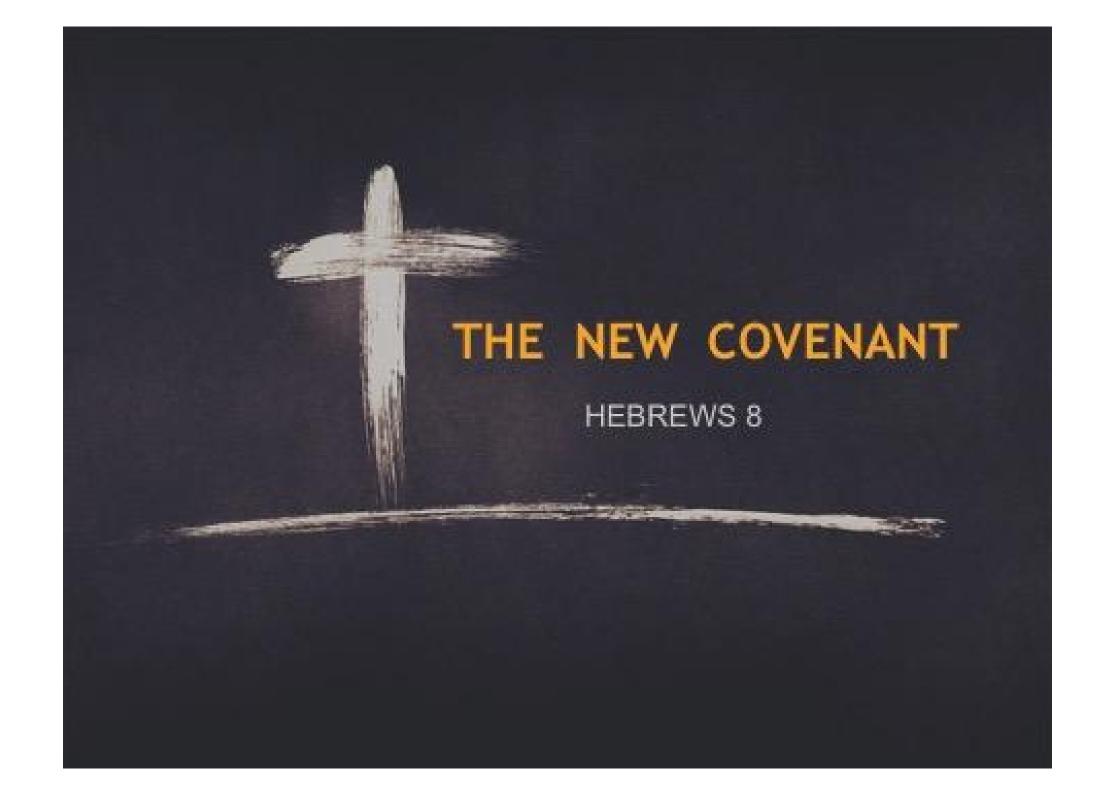
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Jeremiah 31:31-34

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I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. "For thus says the LORD: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them.

(Jeremiah 32:36-42 ESV)