

The Two Covenants

TEXT: Heb. 8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. WE MUST MAKE A "PROPER DIVISION."
 - 1. Denominational Error & Judaism.
 - 2. **Where do we go for authority?**
- B. WE'LL STUDY THE PURPOSE & PASSING OF THE FIRST COVENANT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECOND.

I. WHAT IS A COVENANT?

- A. "AN **AGREEMENT** BETWEEN 2 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO DO OR REFRAIN FROM DOING SOME ACT." A **CONTRACT**.
- B. **CONDITIONAL**(**Ex. 19:5-6**), OR **UNCONDITIONAL**(**Gen. 15:18**).

II. THE OLD COVENANT.

- A. BETWEEN **GOD & ISRAEL** ON Mt. SINAI(**Ex. 19:1-5; 24:1-8**).
- B. NATIONAL, GIVEN **ONLY** TO ISRAEL, **ONLY** ISRAEL SUBJECT (**20:1-2; 31:12-17**).
- C. **LIMITED** TO **PEOPLE & TIME**(**Gal. 3:19; 3:16**).
- D. HOW MUCH IS INCLUDED? WHAT ARE WE OBLIGATED TO KEEP?
 - 1. **If we follow any, we must keep all**(**Gal. 5:3; 3:10**).
 - 2. If the law has been done away it is **useless to appeal to it for authority or justify anything that we do!!**
- E. **WHAT ABOUT THE 10 COMMANDMENTS?**
 - 1. Moral vs. Ceremonial? 10 C's contain ceremonial law.
 - 2. 10 C's called the Covenant, vice versa(**Ex. 34:27-28; Deut. 4:13**).
 - 3. **If the old covenant is done away, so are the 10 C's.**

III. THE PASSING OF THE OLD COVENANT.

- A. GOD PROMISED A "NEW & BETTER" COVENANT (**Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:6; 10:9**).
- B. **Mat. 5:17-18.**
 - 1. Came not to destroy but **fulfill**. Are we under a fulfilled contract? Illustrate.
 - 2. **till** heaven & earth pass away - idiom: sure as the world **till all things be accomplished**(**John 17:4; 19:28-30**).
- C. **Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 2:13-16.**
- D. **Rom. 7:1-7.** DISCHARGED FROM WHAT LAW.

IV. THE NEW COVENANT - THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

- A. ALL AUTHORITY(**Mat. 28:18**). NONE LEFT FOR ANYONE ELSE.
- B. ALL NATIONS(**Mark 16:15-16**).
- C. FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE(**Gal. 3:6-8; 23-29**).

CONCLUSION: A CONDITIONAL COVENANT(Gal. 3:26:27).