

A BETTER COVENANT OF LIFE

Heb. 8:6-13

I. GOD'S COVENANT WITH US IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Healing - Ex. 15:26

1. Commands

- a. Diligently hearken to God's voice
- b. Do that which is right in his sight
- c. Give ear to his commandments
- d. Keep all His statutes
- e. Serve the Lord (Ex. 23:25)

2. Promises

- a. I will put none of these diseases upon thee
- b. I am the Lord that healeth thee
- c. I will take away sickness from the midst of thee

B. Provider

1. Jehovah-jireh
2. My God shall supply all our needs

C. Protector - Psalm 91

1. Dwelleth - to sit down; remain; to settle in the sense of taking up a homestead or staking out a claim and resisting all claim-jumpers to possess a place and live therein
2. Secret place - a covering; hiding place
3. He is my refuge and my fortress
4. He shall deliver thee from snare of the fowler
5. Thou shalt not be afraid
 - a. Terror by night (devious attacks)
 - b. Arrow that flieth by day (open attacks)
 - c. Pestilence that walketh in darkness
 - d. Destruction that wasteth at noonday hand
6. Because thou hast made the Lord thy habitation
 - a. No evil shall befall thee
 - b. No plague come nigh thy dwelling
 - c. Give angels charge over you
 - d. Tread upon lion and adder
7. Because he hath set his love upon me
 - a. I will deliver him
 - b. Set him on high
 - c. I will answer him
 - d. I will be with him in trouble
 - e. I will deliver him
 - f. Honor him
 - g. Satisfy him with long life
 - h. Shew him my salvation

II. A BETTER COVENANT ESTABLISHED UPON BETTER PROMISES

- A. Better covenant marked by spirit and life
- B. The words I speak unto you are spirit and life
- C. *"But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?"*

III. WHAT BRINGS LIFE?

- A. Wisdom and Understanding
 - 1. Pr. 3:16 - *"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour."*
 - 2. Pr. 13:14 - *"The law of the wise is a fountain of life."*
- B. The Word of God
 - 1. Pr. 3:1-2 - *"My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."*
 - 2. Pr. 4:10 - *"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many."*
 - 3. Pr. 4:20-22 - *"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."*

IV. THE TREE OF LIFE

- A. In the garden of Eden
- B. In the book of Revelation
- C. What is the tree of life?
 - 1. Pr. 11:30 - *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."*
 - 2. A wholesome tongue
 - a. Pr. 15:4 - *"A wholesome tongue is a tree of life."*
 - b. Pr. 10:11 - *"The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life..."*
 - c. Pr. 18:21 - *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*
 - d. I Pet. 3:10 - *"He that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."*

V. LIFE REDEEMED FROM DESTRUCTION

VI. JESUS IS LIFE

- A. In him was life, and this life was the light of men
- B. He's the way, the truth, and the life

