

Letting the I AM be the "I Will" - Hebrews - Week XX

- Noahic Covenant - Genesis 9:9-16
- Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 12:1-3, 7, 15:7-21
- Confirmed with Isaac - Genesis 26:2-5
- Confirmed with Jacob - Genesis 28:13-15

Old Covenant

Covenant in the days of Moses:

1. Remind the kings who this great emperor was (awe and fear)
 2. Remind the kings what benefits he had conferred on them
 3. Remind the kings what behavior was expected from them
 4. Remind the kings what blessings would accrue if they obeyed the emperor
 5. Remind the kings what punishments would occur if they disobeyed him
- ***"God was patient, but Israel constantly and endlessly failed to keep its part and in the end, God rejected them" David Gooding***
 - ***"Yet among the five dozen direct references to the covenant in the Old Testament prophetic books, are numerous references to God's faithfulness to His covenant...One could say that in many ways the Old Testament is the story of God's continuing fidelity to his covenant in the face of His people's infidelity." Dictionary of Biblical Imagery***
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New Covenant

- ***"God Himself therefore has scrapped the Old Covenant and all attempts to build a relationship with human beings on its basis. This is not some new-fangled idea brought up by Christians. God announced His intention of doing so centuries ago through the Jewish prophet Jeremiah" Gooding***

"I Will..."

...put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts

- ***"They were external commands that told a person what to do, but could not give him the strength to do it. They told him what not to do, but could give him no power to refrain from doing it" Gooding***
- ***"It will become part of the nature of God's people; it will be instinctive. The core of the new covenant is God's gift of a new heart (cf. Ezek 36:25-27). Herein lies the sufficient motivation for obeying God's law." Feinberg Commentary***

...be their God and they shall be My people

- ***"The verb know here carries its most profound connotation, the intimate personal knowledge which arises between two persons who are committed wholly to one another in a relationship that touches mind, emotion, and will. In such a relationship the past is forgiven and forgotten."*** John Arthur Thompson Commentary

...be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more

- ***We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!*** Hebrews 10:22 TPT
- ***"When believers in Christ discover this limitless grace of God towards them, and the function of the Lord Jesus as their priest to save them to the uttermost, and the unbreakable terms of the new covenant, it does not make them feel that they want to take advantage of it all in order to go and sin and do as they like...It makes them feel that they want to go out and live always and ever for Christ."*** Gooding

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

- ***"In terms of the theological argument of Hebrews, the New Covenant is better because it is final, permanent and once-for-all, as well as being secured and mediated by Jesus instead of human priests and the sacrifices they performed."*** Dictionary of Biblical Imagery