

Meeker Christian Church
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New Covenant

For a while this new year we are going to examine New Testament teachings that are anchored in our hope message from last Sunday. I pray that in these we will build on our unity of purpose as a congregation of Bible believing, hope overflowing believers, and grow in mutual edification by using our combined and united Holy Spirit gifted and inspired talents and abilities for reaching into our community. And in so doing that the HOLY SPIRIT will encourage and strengthen all of us to have renewed hope and new spiritual victories. The board meeting following last week's service launched us into exactly what we are sharing. Thank YOU HOLY SPIRIT for visibly moving in this body of believers. Everyone, keep praying, keep watching and receiving HIS Holy revelation for our kingdom service. Hallelujah, thank You Heavenly Father for the special attention you are giving these folks united in this church this year.

Today we are going to look at the establishment and management of a New Covenant by Jesus from His Heavenly throne under which all believers abide.

In Hebrews we understand the reason for a New Covenant and the primacy of its contingent for the well-being of adherents. You may want to review Hebrews Chapter 7 which gives lots of information about Jesus becoming the High Priest residing in Heaven for The New Covenant.

Then into chapter 8 --- Hebrews 8:1-3 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. Jesus by His birth, life, death and resurrection on earth is now back in His heavenly position at the right hand of our Heavenly Father

First God dealt with the Patriarchs who were selected by God to receive His instruction for the people from the flood to Moses who then received the 10 commandments and the law for the people to submissively obey - which we refer to as the Old Testament The Mosaic Covenant, or simply

the Old Covenant given to the Jews. But over and over even after having been chosen by God as His special emissaries to teach the world populations that Old Covenant - the following 1400 years, Jews failed to follow through - and because of that failure became the need for a new covenant.

That is the background for the setting of this announcement of the New Covenant. Jesus is the same as a High Priest seated at the right hand of God. The terminology of "High Priest" as mentioned in our New Covenant was for the nation of Israel to understand and accept as well as the gentile nations. The inclusion of the gentile identification included anyone who was not Jewish. The scripture continues with an explanation of the positional authority of Jesus the mediator of this New Covenant or as we have become comfortable referring to it as the New Testament.

Hebrews 8:4--6 4 For if He (Jesus) were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law (of the Old Covenant); 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But now (under the New Covenant) He Jesus has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Those scriptures are the divinely inspired words transmitted through the Hebrew writer for we the benefactors.

Now we fully understand the introduction to this book of Hebrews 1:1-3 Where it said: 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

We are told by the irrefutable authority of the universe: God has spoken to the Jews through the prophets BUT then the phrase, "last days" includes us. And very specifically Jesus - through the Holy Revelation of the Bible is instructing and encouraging us for what he wanted people to do and be

in the old Covenant ---obedient submissiveness. One source has said: The Hebrew writer, after discussing the relationship of God throughout the time of humans on earth having expired to the moment of the explanation - the revelation continues for us as to what is happening and is now fully in place for we who live:

We continue in Hebrews 8:8-10 8 Because finding fault with them,/// Jewish nation/// He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—//This could be looked at as the New Covenant for Jews and gentiles formal announcement of the New Covenant for the world populations!!!! 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. /// (The Jews failed in obedience and submissiveness to the Old Covenant, and God disregarded them-----, and what do you think is likely He will do with violators of the New Covenant in which we are given to live???)/// 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Israel is specifically addressed, but with the previous inclusion of the gentiles they are probably included. God by HIS own means put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Which by the way is a direct quotation that Jeremiah prophesied in Jeremiah 31: 31-34 reference only

The old and new testament speak of nature and life itself as a revelation of God, but this scripture seems to be in addition to all that. What exactly does an atheist, someone who totally does not believe in God OR what about the plural of religions around the world - Peter answers that for us 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. God does not want anyone to perish - from the 10th verse and Jeremiah 31 God has put an awareness of Him in their minds that is neutralized by the deception of satan. And the same result of their Old Covenant counterparts: Hebrews 8:9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;

because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.

Jesus, our High Priest, has established our New Covenant under which we live. Inherent in that Jesus has given all mankind a sense of the Holy, the supernatural, the divine. It seems noteworthy that in the last few months the news has highlighted many scientists and other authorities implying that which has been revealed to us, what we understand as truth reality. Abuse in any form of truth reality results in the conditions of the present world. Obedience in every form of truth reality results in the preparation of a room in heaven as described in John 14.

Hebrews 8:11-12 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."/// This does not refute the host of New Covenant instructions to Go with the gospel into the world like Paul told Timothy 2 Timothy 2:2 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Everything necessary for knowing the Lord is already in place. God wants all to be saved and is supernaturally aware and understanding of the circumstances of life that each one has encountered..but the truth reality of God is in place. Our instructions and example are the next step in showing the Bible revelation response to obedient submissiveness to the already imbedded concept of Deity/ God.

A summary for this new covenant revelation starts in Hebrews 8:13 "In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The resulting fulfillment of obedient submissiveness under the New Covenant will be seen in two places on earth during the Millennial Kingdom, and in heaven for all eternity.

The confirmation and our commitment to this announcement of the New Covenant is modeled every week as the center of our time of worship as instituted by Jesus in a passage familiar to us at the Lord's Supper that we also called Communion.

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

We get further explanation as to how God orchestrated this in and most of all for whom it is: Hebrews 9:15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

By the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus HE took away the sins of the penitent that the Old Covenant had no power nor provision to do. Pause and think for just a moment that the hope of eternal life is a New Covenant provision for those who repent of their sin and are baptized to receive the personal presence of the Holy Spirit to guide in kingdom service.

Our New Covenant is the allocation, the facility and the terms of the contract revealing GOD the CREATORS "operators manual" for the life of the created, The believers agreement with the terms of that contract and it's eternal benefits are made available for you. As the bulletin explains. If you have never professed a belief in Jesus and been baptized and are guided by the Holy Spirit to do so today, then please come forward as we sing, or if you are a member of God's kingdom but are ready to be a Member of this congregation to help in ministry, then please come forward.