

The New Covenant Concealed

The Old Covenant (MOSAIC) was God's first stage of our education concerning a restored relationship with Him. (Exodus 19:4-6)

➤ It was **CONDITIONAL** (v.5 – IF)

They (lesser) had a part in the condition

v.5 obey His voice and keep My covenant...

Deuteronomy 4:13 – performance!

Deuteronomy 7:12 – keep and do!

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The OC: was absolutely necessary (~1500 years):

1. to call forth our impotent efforts
2. to demonstrate that our efforts fall far short from His perfect mark
3. to convince us of the complete bankruptcy and wickedness of our hearts
4. to arouse and awaken sin within us
5. to prepare us for the whole beauty of the New Covenant of living life "in Jesus."

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The lessons of the OC teach us that:

- It isn't enough to change the environment
- the heart of every problem is the problem of the heart!
- directing conduct does not change character (Isaiah 64:6).

The conclusion of the OC: **HE HAS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR HEART!**

WE CAN'T DO IT!

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What is the New Covenant?

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

First, what the New Covenant isn't!

The New Covenant isn't just another renewal of the Old Covenant that God gave at Sinai!

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Jewish history is punctuated with a number of "covenant renewals" that brought temporary blessing but didn't change the hearts of the people.

- The Book of Deuteronomy records a renewal of the covenant under Moses, before the people entered the Promised Land.
- Before he died, Joshua led the people in reaffirming the covenant (Josh. 23-24).
- Samuel called the nation to renew their vows to God (1 Sam. 12)
- Both Hezekiah (2 Chron. 29-31) and Josiah (2 Chron. 34-35) inspired great days of "revival" as they led the people back to God's Law.

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1. God made a New Covenant available to the house of Israel:
 - But they missed it – [Luke 19:37-44](#); [Rom. 11:11](#)
 - But only temporarily – [Romans 11:12,15,25](#)
2. The New Covenant is UNCONDITIONAL
 - [Hebrews 7:19](#) 2
3. He will write His law on their (our) hearts!
 - [Matthew 5:17](#); [2 Corinthians 3:2-3](#)
 - We must invite Him to do this! There is only room enough in our hearts for one person – Jesus or me! ([John 12:24](#); [Luke 9:23](#); [Gal.2:20](#))

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4. He will be their (our) God and they (we) shall be His!
- This expresses the very highest experience of the New Covenant!
 - [Jeremiah 29:11-13](#); [Ephesians 3:20,21](#)

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What He is saying is, "All I am and have as God shall be yours. All you can need or wish for in a God, I will be to you. In the fullest meaning of the word, I, the Omnipresent, will be ever present with you, in all My grace and love. I, the Almighty One, will each moment work all in you by My mighty power. I, the Thrice-Holy One, will reveal My sanctifying life with you. I will be your God. And you shall be My people, saved and blessed, ruled and guided and provided for by Me, known and seen to be indeed the people of the Holy One, the God of glory." (A.M., *Two Covenants*)

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5. His people will know Him – Individually – Personally – Intimately!
- This does not mean a "head" knowing.
 - But a "heart" or spirit knowing that involves appropriation and assimilation into "little Christs."
 - [John 14:6,7](#); [John 10:26-30](#)
 - God moves from Judge – to – Father!
 - [Galatians 4:4-6](#); [Romans 8:15](#)

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6. Through the NC (Jesus) He offers the *absolute* and *complete* forgiveness of sin!
- "for" – this is the reason for all that proceeds!
 - [Luke 22:20](#)
 - "Because the blood of this New Covenant was of such infinite worth, and its Mediator and High Priest in heaven of such divine power, there is promised through it such a divine blotting out of sin that God cannot remember it." (A.M., *Two Covenants*)
 - [Hebrews 10:8](#) ⚡

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