

God's Promise of a New Covenant
(2 Peter 1:3-4)

Introduction:

1. According to these verses, God has given some very special blessings to His people, including:
 - a. *"all things that pertain unto life and godliness"* (vs.3)
 - b. *"exceeding great and precious promises"* (vs.4).
2. We are concerned with another promise that is both great and precious.
3. In our lesson we are concentrating on "God's promise of a new covenant."

Discussion:

- I. GOD PROMISED THROUGH THE PROPHET JEREMIAH (31:31-34) THAT HE WOULD MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
 - A. God would make His new covenant at a later time (vs.31, 33).
 - B. God's new covenant would not be like the one He had made through Moses (vs.32).
 - C. Under His new covenant, God *"will remember their sin no more"* (vs.34).
 - D. With these details in mind, let us turn our attention to some important . . .
- II. INFORMATION CONCERNING GOD'S PROMISE THAT IS REVEALED IN HEBREWS
 - A. Hebrews 8
 1. Vs.6
 - a. Jesus is *"the mediator"* of God's new covenant (also 12:24).
 - b. God's new covenant is *"a better covenant,"* and it is *"everlasting"* (13:20).
 - c. God's new covenant *"was established upon better promises."*
 2. Vs.7 -- God replaced the first covenant because it was not *"faultless."*
 3. Vs.8-12 -- Because the old covenant was faulty, God had promised to replace it with a better covenant.
 4. Vs.13 -- After God established His new covenant, the first covenant became *"old."*
 - B. Hebrews 9
 1. Vs.1-10 -- The service performed under the first covenant *"could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience."*
 2. Vs.15-17 -- Jesus died so the new covenant would become effective.
 3. Vs.24-26 -- Jesus offered Himself once as a perfect sacrifice *"to put away sin."*
 - C. Hebrews 10
 1. Vs.1-4 -- The animal blood that was offered under the old covenant could not take away sins.
 2. Vs.9 -- Jesus took away the first covenant to establish the second covenant (Galatians 3:24-28; 5:4; Ephesians 2:14-16; Colossians 2:14).
 3. Vs.15-17 -- The Lord's new covenant is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy.

Conclusion:

1. God promised to make a new covenant with His people, and He has kept His promise.
2. Let us conclude our study by reading Colossians 3:16-17 and James 1:25.