

3 COVENANT... eyes glaze over... NO! eyes light up w. joy @ the most Wonderful, Amazing, unspeakable life-making relationship w. Θ June 20th 1992

① CONTRAST OF COVENANTS


OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
<p>Earthly High Priests, prevented by death from continuing in office (7:23), offers many sacrifices daily for his own sin + people's sins (7:27)</p>	<p>Heavenly High Priest, Jesus, is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven (8:1), has "indestructible life" (7:16), offers himself as a sacrifice for sins once for all (7:27)</p>
<p>Earthly Temple copy + shadow of the heavenly things made according to pattern (8:5ff)</p>	<p>Heavenly Temple the true tent that the LORD set up (8:2ff)</p>
<p>"Obsolete, growing old, ready to vanish" (8:13)</p>	<p>more excellent (8:6)</p>

👉 Profoundly confront irreligious w. True truth of Holy Θ .

👉 Profoundly challenges religious w. Exclusivity of Jesus

② BETTER COVENANT

Definition of Covenant: a permanent, binding, committed relationship that Θ establishes w. His people based on His promises and sealed by — blood. **Marriage Covenant** ... "I will"

 Biblical covenants based on Θ 's Promises
New Covenant "enacted on better promises" 8:6
What are the promises of New Covenant?

1. Obedience = "I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts" 8:10
Empowered by **Ministry of Holy Spirit**
2. Intimate Knowing = "I will be their Θ , and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor, ... for they shall all know me." 8:10-11, **Abba ... JUDAH**
3. Forgiveness = "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." 8:12



CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST OFFERS HIMSELF, HOLY ONE, AS SACRIFICE AND POURS OUT HIS **BLOOD** FOR SINNERS

③ IMPLICATIONS

1 So important that you distinguish between irreligion, religion, and the Gospel of Jesus, "Third way of being"

This is the Way

Irreligion	Religion	Gospel of Jesus
Come up w. your own way of being human, just don't hurt anyone <i>What if you do?</i>	Θ has made a way for you to walk, keep it <i>temple, sacrifices daily.</i>	JESUS is Θ's Way to relationship w. You. He kept Law, trust in Him

Where do you see this?

➡➡➡ No commands in Hebrews 8! Θ Makes Covenant, Θ keeps Covenant, Θ gives Covenant!

2 Covenant relationship provides a Loving Person (LORD Θ) to trust, space in which to heal + grow, and a future to hope for.

Example of Marriage