



Bound Together: A Covenantal Relationship **Kelli Wommack** **“NEW”** **1/29/23**

Passages: Hebrews 8:1-10:23; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 8:1-8

Key Thought: The New Covenant— which fulfills the Old— enables us to have an intimate relationship with God because Jesus atoned for our sins and the Spirit can renew our hearts.

Points:

- Hebrews 8:13: As one replaces an obsolete appliance, so the New Covenant replaces the Old. More precisely, the New fulfills the Old (rendering it obsolete).
- Hebrews 9:1-10:18: Whereas the priests and sacrifices of the Old were merely “shadows,” Jesus is the “substance” (i.e., the fulfillment) of priest and sacrifice. → It is through Him that atonement for sins is truly accomplished.
- Romans 8:1-8: Whereas the Old provided commands but without power for obedience, the New provides true power for obedience— the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the New is encapsulated in one command, not hundreds! (See Matthew 22:37-40.) ← Parents who know the inability of mere rules to transform their children will appreciate the heart-renewing power of the New Covenant.
- The sole condition of the New is “faith” (which excludes merit).
- Jeremiah 31:33-34: The New enables us to have an intimate relationship with God.

Prompts:

- How has the Old given you a deeper understanding and appreciation for the New?
- Fulfillment implies both similarities and differences. What are some key similarities and differences between the Old and the New?
- “Faith,” the sole condition of the New, means trust. What is the object of our trust? Distinguish genuine trust from counterfeit “faith.”
- Describe your experience of the New. What aspects of the New would you like to experience (more deeply)?
- Where do you still need the grace/power of the New?
- Pray, based on your discussion.