

1. Hebrews 8:7-9

- **NLT** “If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. But when God found fault with the people, he said: **‘The day is coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant** with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. **They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD.’”**
- **NKJV = DISREGARDED THEM**
- **AMP – I withdrew my favor and disregarded them.**

Pastor’s Note: When they disregarded their covenant with Him, He had no choice but to leave them to themselves.

Hebrews 8:10-12

- **NLT** “But **this is the new covenant I will make** with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. **And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.’”**
- When God speaks of a “new” covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.

2. Various scriptures regarding mercy and our salvation:

a. Titus 3:5

- **NKJV** “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit...”

b. Hebrews 4:16

- **NKJV** “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”
- **AMP** “Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God’s gracious favor] with confidence *and* without fear, so that

we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment”

c. **Deut 7:9**

- **NKJV** “Therefore know that **the Lord your God**, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”

d. **Lamentations 3:22-23**

- **NKJV** “*Through* the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

e. **1 Peter 2:10**

- **NKJV** “who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

3. The sure mercies of David

a. **Acts 13:32-34**

- **NKJV** “And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’”

WHAT ARE THE “SURE MERCIES” OF DAVID?

b. **Isaiah 55:3-4**

- **NKJV** “Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.”

c. **2 Samuel 7:12-16**

- **NKJV** “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he

commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

- **NLT** “For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever”

Pastor’s Note: *God’s dealings with David and Saul represent to different covenant systems. God’s judgment upon Saul represents the Old Covenant system of law, performance, and judgment. God’s mercy and grace for David represents the mercy of the New Covenant available through Jesus.*

4. Mercy empowers believers in the new covenant.

a. Romans 12:1

- **NKJV** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.”
 - **By = through**
- **Literal Standard Version** “I call on you, therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God, to present your bodies [as] a sacrifice—living, sanctified, acceptable to God—your intelligent service;”
- **Youngs Literal Translation** “I call upon you, therefore, brethren, through the compassions of God, to present your bodies a sacrifice - living, sanctified, acceptable to God - your intelligent service”