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IN CHRIST

THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

Hebrews 8:1-13
“The Powerful Covenant”

The Secret Decoder Ring



- Living By Agreement
- The First Agreement
- The Final Agreement

Hebrews 8

¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man...⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as ***much more excellent*** than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

- ⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says:
“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a ***new covenant*** with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,
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to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
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Guidelines For Living in “Right Relationships”

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Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:23
...therefore the
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garden of Eden

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Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The “Law” is God’s Handwritten Marital Vows

Mikveh



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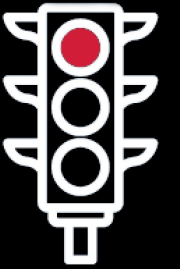
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A Diagnostic

Reveals God's Perfect Character
Reveals our Perfectly Flawed Character
Therefore Reveals our Infinite Need



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Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Cutting a Covenant

Genesis 15

⁹ (God) said to (Abram), “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land,

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Matthew 5:21

“You have heard that it was said to those of
old, ‘You shall not murder...²² But I say to you

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Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the
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Romans 8:1

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin ["as a sin offering"] he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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2 Corinthians 3:4-6

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Revelation 21

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Gospel Application

You Are Loved

You Are Enough

You Are Powerful

It Is Finished

Benediction

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Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you