

MY NEW COVENANT

HEBREWS 8:10-13

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The difference in the Old and New Covenants may be summed up in the phrase “I will”. In the Old Covenant the people promised obedience by their own power. Their “I will” (**Exodus 24:3**) always failed; in the New Covenant the Lord’s promise of “I will” and His power to deliver never fails.

“I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MIND AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEART.” God’s inner transformation is in my mind and heart. His law, His nature, His power, and His love are all implanted in me by the Holy Spirit who lives in me. Now I am a new creation empowered to increasingly become like Jesus. (**Hebrews 8:10, fn 8:10, Ezekiel 36:25-27, fn 36:25-27, John 14:16-21, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:18, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Romans 5:5, fn 5:5, 6**) *In what ways is the New Covenant better for you?*

“THEY WILL ALL KNOW ME.” There is now no Moses, no Aaron, no priest, and no pastor who stands between God and me. God gives spiritual insight to all His people so that they can know Him. (**Hebrews 8:11, fn 8:10, 11, John 14:26, fn 14:26, Philippians 1:6, fn 1:6[2nd], John 6:45, fn 6:45, I Timothy 2:5**) *How could you know God and also know Him more and more?*

“I WILL FORGIVE THEIR WICKEDNESS AND REMEMBER THEIR SIN NO MORE.”

The Old Covenant sacrifices continued to be offered for sins, but there was still a consciousness of sin. Jesus’s sacrifice paid once for all my sin—past, present, and future. “The phrase ‘remember no more’ means ‘hold against us no more.’ God recalls what we have done, but He does not hold it against us. He deals with us on the basis of grace and mercy, not law and merit... The matter is settled eternally.” Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Confident*, p. 94. If God holds no grudges against me, neither can I hold grudges against myself or others. (**Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 9:24-28, fn 9:24-28, Hebrews 7:27, fn 7:27, fn 7:28, Psalm 103:12, fn 103:12, Isaiah 1:18, fn 1:18**) *When and how often should you confess past sins?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God’s majesty and glory