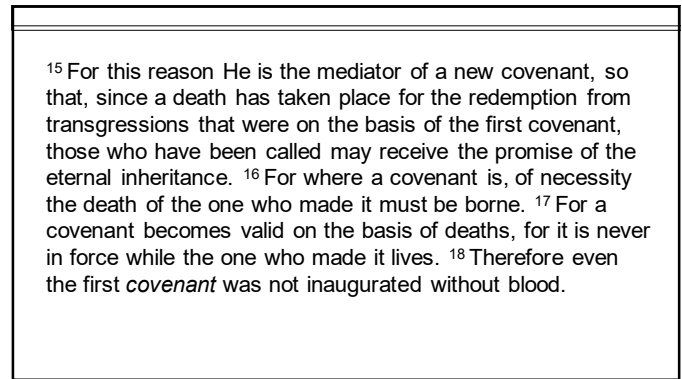


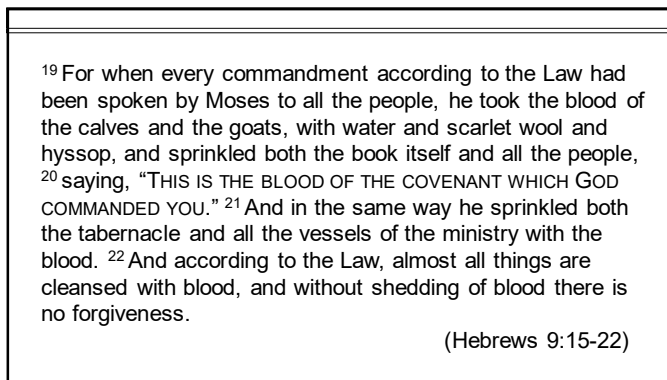


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¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption from transgressions that were on the basis of the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For where a covenant is, of necessity the death of the one who made it must be borne. ¹⁷ For a covenant becomes valid on the basis of deaths, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. ¹⁸ Therefore even the first *covenant* was not inaugurated without blood.

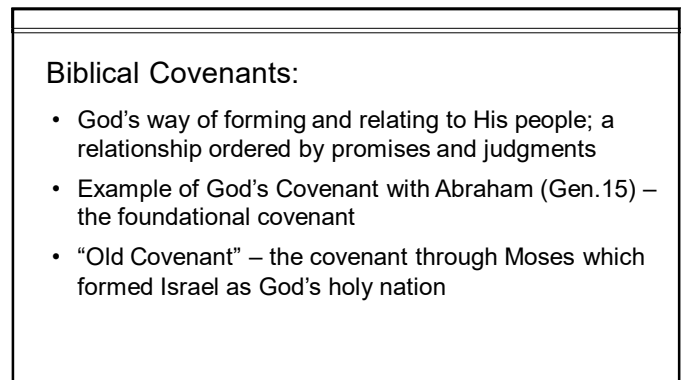
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¹⁹ For when every commandment according to the Law had been spoken by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. ²² And according to the Law, almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

(Hebrews 9:15-22)

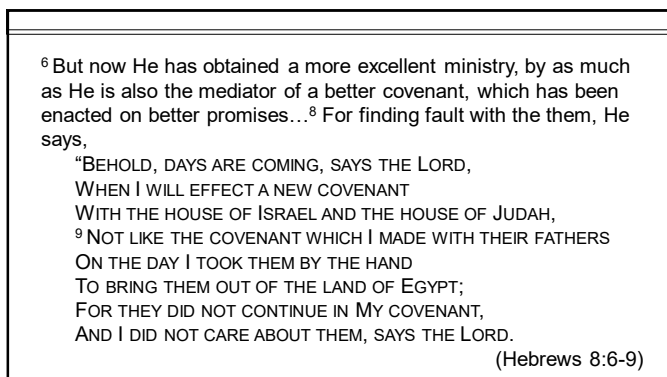
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Biblical Covenants:

- God's way of forming and relating to His people; a relationship ordered by promises and judgments
- Example of God's Covenant with Abraham (Gen. 15) – the foundational covenant
- "Old Covenant" – the covenant through Moses which formed Israel as God's holy nation

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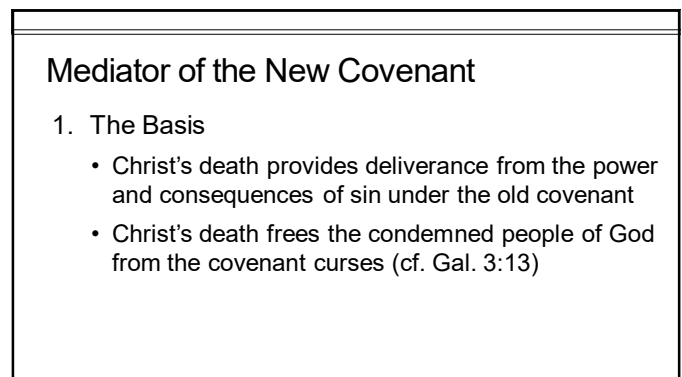


⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises...⁸ For finding fault with the them, He says,

"BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT
WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH,
⁹ NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS
ON THE DAY I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND
TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;
FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,
AND I DID NOT CARE ABOUT THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

(Hebrews 8:6-9)

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Mediator of the New Covenant

1. The Basis

- Christ's death provides deliverance from the power and consequences of sin under the old covenant
- Christ's death frees the condemned people of God from the covenant curses (cf. Gal. 3:13)

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Mediator of the New Covenant

2. The Necessity

- both the making and breaking of God's covenant requires the death of those making it to be "borne" or "represented"
- God's covenant is enforced upon the death of those who made (and broke) it

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Mediator of the New Covenant

2. The Necessity

- the blood that inaugurated the First Covenant invoked the penalty of death upon the people, and signified the ongoing need for cleansing

"without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness"

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Mediator of the New Covenant

3. The Purpose

- that we (the "called") might persevere and receive the inheritance of the heavenly homeland

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¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession...¹⁶ let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:14,16)

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