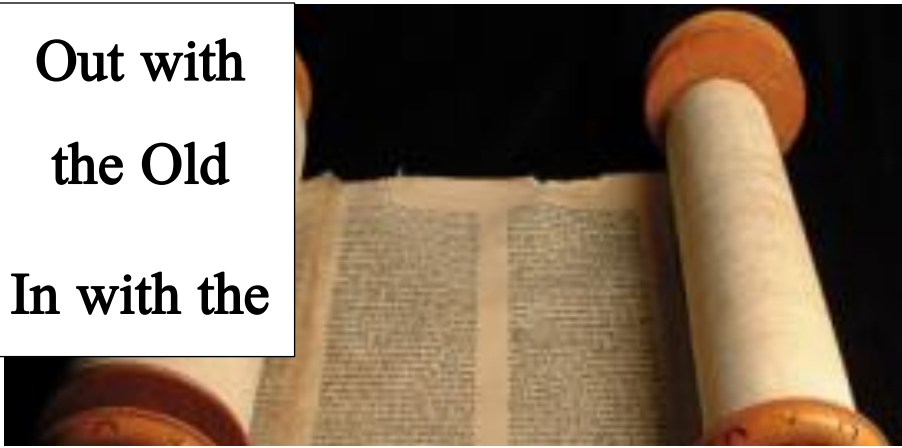


# Out with the Old In with the



## **Superior Covenant –**

***“I Will Put My Law Into the Minds and Hearts of my People...”***

**HEBREWS 8: 6-12**

### **MAIN PRINCIPLE OF TODAY'S SERMON:**

*The Superior Covenant in Jesus Christ changes us from within and affords us the Opportunity, the Desire and the Power to shine forth the Grace and Redemption of God into the lives of others.*

### **PIECES OF THE PUZZLE LEADING US INTO UNDERSTANDING:**

*- BELIEVERS MUST GO ON TO MATURITY and GOD HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO SO. (HEB. 5:11 – 6:3)*

*- THE PROCESS OF MATURITY DOES NOT AFFECT SALVATION. BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE IN THE INTENDED BLESSINGS OF GOD.*

*- IF WE START TO DRIFT FROM THE WORD (HEB. 2:1-4), THEN WE START TO DOUBT THE WORD (HEB. 3:7-4:13).*

*- BEFORE LONG, WE WILL GET DULL TOWARD THE WORD (HEB. 5:11-6:20) AND BECOME LAZY BELIEVERS.*

*- A FRUITFUL LIFE IS A BLESSED LIFE AND A LIFE THAT DECLARES ALOUD THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S SALVATION WITHIN US. LIKEWISE, THE GREATER THE FRUIT, THE GREATER THE AWARENESS WE HAVE OF OUR SECURITY IN CHRIST.*

*- THE BEST WAY TO AVOID DRIFTING IS – TO LAY HOLD OF THE ANCHOR.*

*- WHEN WE ARE ANCHORED HEAVENWARD, HOW MUCH MORE SECURE CAN YOU BE IN YOUR SALVATION.*

*- JESUS HAS INITIATED A NEW ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD WHICH IS SUPERIOR TO THE OLD TESTAMENT LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD IN AARON'S LINE. THIS DOES NOT DISCREDIT OR LESSEN THE FORMER COVENANT – IT COMPLETES IT BY FULFILLING ITS INTENDED GOALS.*

## ***A New Covenant Within Our Minds and Hearts***

### **I. A New And Better Covenant v. 6 -9**

- Better Agreement – External vs. Internal vv. 6, 7
  - Moses vs. Jesus as mediator
  - Bondage vs. Freedom
- Built upon Better promises vv. 10-12
  - God's "I Will..." – Not my "I will try..."
  - God's Operation, not my self -prognosis – Titus 3:3-7
  - Sins no longer held against us – Psa. 103:12

### **II. Planted from Within v. 10**

- A New Mind - Rom. 12:2
- A New Heart – heart of flesh – Ezek. 36:26, 27-
- A New People – I Peter 2:9

### **III. Sweeping away the Old. Living in the New v. 13**

- Fault-finding is no more v. 8; v10; v. 12
- Sin no longer enslaves –mercy and forgiveness reign

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. How does God's New Covenant transform your mind? What of your mind is affected by your salvation?
2. When the Bible speaks of the heart, what specifically about you is it referring to? How does the New Covenant transform your heart?
3. If the Old Testament is perfect, why did it need to be completed?
4. In what ways do you need to allow the Old Covenant to “vanish away” more so in your life? (v. 13) And how does one live this out?
5. What concrete signs do I see within myself which suggest that I am either growing/ maturing or withering?
6. Practically speaking, what does this passage/ this book mean to me – a modern time believer in a non-jewish setting?
7. How does a believer reconcile the fact that the New Covenant offers a deeper grace, a deeper mercy then the Old and yet it is the same God with the same character? If He does not change, how is it that His Covenant does? How do we know it won't change again?