

REMOVAL OF FIRST COVENANT HEB. 8:13

One of the most elementary teachings of the whole Bible is the distinction between the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ. Yet many are confused, thinking we are under both Moses and Christ. If we are still amenable (answerable) the Law of Moses, then we have two law-givers. . . Moses and Christ. It is important that we study this subject in order to understand what law we live under and even more important, what law we shall be judged by when we stand before God on the judgment day.

I. A Covenant.

A. What do we mean when we talk about a covenant?

1. One can be sure that the term “covenant” might not have the same meaning to all religious people.
 - a. This can be seen in many practices of our day.
 - b. We need to be sure that we are properly guided in what we have to say about the matter.
2. A covenant is an agreement between two parties, equally binding on each party, with conditions to be met and promises to be fulfilled.

B. We mean the one that supersedes.

1. Jer. 31:31
 - a. This is a clear declaration of his intention to make a new covenant.
 - b. The old covenant that had been made with Israel was in existence at this time.
 - c. One would have to conclude that the new covenant would supersede the one then in existence.
2. There can be no question about the fact that one covenant did indeed supersede another.
3. Evidence abounds in the book of Hebrews.
 - a. Heb. 10:9
 - b. Heb. 8:13
4. Col. 2:14-17...
 - a. The handwriting of ordinances had been blotted out.
 - (1) Patriarchs down to Moses had no written law.
 - (2) Gentiles had no written law, but were under patriarchal precepts.
 - (3) Israel was given a written law, the handwriting of ordinances, the law of Moses.
 - (4) It was blotted out—erased, removed, cancelled or abolished.
 - (5) It was never intended to be permanent.
 - b. It was against us. . . was contrary to us.
 - (1) It said, “comply, perfectly or be condemned by it.”
 - (2) Gal. 3:10-11
 - c. Nailed the old law to Calvary.
 - d. Christ spoiled principalities and powers (ref. to Satan).
5. The first covenant was taken away at the cross.

C. We mean the covenant made with us.

1. We are aware of the parties of the first covenant (Deut. 5:3,4).
2. When we speak of the covenant, we are speaking of one addressed to us.
3. Heb. 10:9,10
 - a. “Which will(or covenant). . . we”
 - b. Our being sanctified would be by the new covenant.
 - c. Heb. 10:28,29

D. We mean the one sealed by the blood of Christ.

1. Old Testament tells us of the dedication of the first covenant with the blood of animals.
 - a. Exodus 24:8

- b. Heb. 9:18-20
 - 2. The covenant we live under was sealed by the blood of Christ.
 - a. Matt. 26:28
 - b. Heb. 10:29
 - c. Heb. 9;23, 28
- E. We Mean the Final Covenant
 - 1. Most of us are aware of the teaching of a group that will speak of a later testament or covenant.
 - 2. Heb. 8:7
 - 3. First covenant was the law given by God to Moses.
 - a. That covenant did not bring redemption for man, for the blood of that covenant could never take away sin (Heb. 10:4).
 - b. This is not true of the new covenant (Heb. 10:29).
 - 4. If the first covenant had been faultless (Heb. 8:7).
 - a. If it had provided total reconciliation of all men with God.
 - b. Then there would have been no place for the second.
 - 5. Now, since the second, or new covenant does provide the means by which all can be saved, where is the need for another.
 - 6. Heb. 9:15
 - 7. Heb. 13:20
- F. II Cor. (Chart) [Old and New]
- G. Two Covenants (Chart).

II. Look at Their differences

- A. Scope is different (Israelites vss. all nations).
- B. Priesthood is different (Heb. 7:11, 12, 15, 21)
- C. Knowledge was different (Jer. 31; Heb. 8)
- D. Sacrifices were different (Bulls and goats vss. Christ.)
- E. Nature is different (Faulty, made nothing perfect vss. sin remembered no more, sanctified).

Concl: The old law has been done away. The old law has been removed and the new has been established. We live under the new law, the law of Christ. You need to come and accept God's terms in the covenant sealed by the blood of his Son.