

Going Against Wind and Tide
Lessons from the Prophet Jeremiah
The New Covenant: The Guarantee of Grace (#8)

Introduction

5 Reasons Why We Need to Look at the New Covenant in Connection with our Series

The Role of the New Covenant in Jeremiah

1. Jeremiah stood at the end of an age, the end of an era. He stood as a Prophet of judgment and termination.
2. Jeremiah also stood in a place where he could see the beginning of a new age, a new era. He stood as a Prophet of salvation and hope for the future.
3. This transformation will be covenantal, it will take place through a *New Covenant*, a better covenant, with a better Mediator and better provisions.

I. The Provisions of the New Covenant (31:31-34)

- A. Behold the days are coming (31a)
- B. I will make a New Covenant (31b)
- C. Not like the previous covenant (32)
- D. New provisions for a New Covenant (33)
 1. the internalization of the Law of God
 2. the realization of the covenant promise
 3. the personal and individual knowledge of God
 4. The forgiveness of sins

II. The Protection of the New Covenant (32:39-41)

How do we know whether or not this covenant will turn out like the first one?

III. The New is Better Than the Old: It is the Guarantee of Grace

A. The New is Inaugurated through Jesus Christ

Luke 22:20

Heb. 8:6

B. Under the Old the following was possible

1. to be in the covenant and not have a new heart!

2. to be in the covenant and not know God

3. to be in the covenant and be under the condemnation of sin

C. Under the New the following occurs

1. everyone in the covenant has a new heart with God's Law on it.

2. everyone in the covenant knows God

3. everyone in the covenant is forgiven of their sins