

Better Promises - Protection

Genesis 15:1

Fear not, Abram: I am your shield

vs

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them

out of my hand. (Jn 10:28)

Better Promises - Reward

Genesis 15:1

I am ... Your very great reward

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes

to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly

seek him. (Heb 11:6)

Better Promises - Generations

Genesis 15:5

Seed like the stars

A generational blessing and mission

Better Promises – land to possess

Genesis 15:7

this land to take possession of it.

Promise of an open door

Better Promises – How can I know?

Genesis 15:8

How can I know that I shall gain possession of it?

God's answer is to "cut a covenant".

Seeing through New Glasses

Old Covenant – New Covenant

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Introduction

Vision Test

Question 1 - The Bible clearly teaches that if we obey God we are blessed, but if we disobey God then we are cursed.

TRUE or FALSE

Question 2 - When we come to God in prayer, we need to come aware of the fact that we are poor and feeble sinners in the presence of a holy and almighty God.

TRUE or FALSE

Question 3 - The New Covenant requires that we earnestly pursue holiness, or we will not see God.

TRUE or FALSE

Question 4 - The New Covenant (The Cross) ensures that all of our sins are covered by the blood.

TRUE or FALSE

Question 5 - The Priest and Levites of the Old Covenant find their counterparts in Pastors and Elders in the New Covenant.

TRUE or FALSE

Answer to Question 1:

Mount Garizim to speak blessings

Mont Ebal to speak curses.

Deut. 27:11-12

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (Ro 12:14 NIV)

Answer to Question 2: _____

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2Co 5:21 NIV)

Answer to Question 3: _____
Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. (Heb 12:14 Amplified)

Answer to Question 4: _____
Under the New Covenant, sins never under (or covered) by the blood.

Answer to Question 5: _____
you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood (1 Pe 2:5, 9 NIV)

The New Covenant

Heb. 8:6, 13
But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.... By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and ageing will soon disappear. Heb. 8:6, 13

Rule of Thumb

- The NEW is in the OLD concealed.
- The OLD is in the NEW revealed.

What is a Covenant?

OT – “Cutting” a covenant.

- Gen. 15:9-10, 17

Marriage

- Song of Solomon
- Hosea

- Marriage of “unequals” with no “pre-nuptial”

New Covenant / New Testament

διαθηκης (diatheke)

KJV

20 times – covenant
13 times – testament

NIV

31 times – covenant
2 times - will

New Covenant = New Testament

LSG

30 fois – alliance
3 fois – testament

The New Covenant

*is founded on better promises (Heb. 8:6)
This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Mt 26:28 NIV)*

*Jesus said, “It is finished.” (Jn 19:30)
All the conditions have been fully satisfied.*

Better Promises - Direction

Genesis 15:1

the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision

vs

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (Jn 10:27 NIV)