

## “A Better Covenant”

The Sermon God Wrote #23

Hebrews 7:11-2

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### **Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:11-22**

#### **Introduction**

- What comes to mind when I say the word perfection?
- God’s standard is perfection — no grading on the curve
  - Good news that God has offered us grace
  - This offer comes in the form of covenant

#### **Covenant Defined**

1. A formal bond between two parties
2. Contract vs. Covenant
3. Human Covenants
4. Divine Covenants
  - a. With Adam (Hos. 6:7), With Noah (Gen. 6:18), With Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), With Moses (Ex. 19:5-6), With David (2 Sam. 7:5-16)

#### **I. The Need for a Better Covenant**

1. A new covenant means a new priesthood | Hebrews 7:12
2. The need for a better covenant | 7:11, 18-19
3. Why the law then?
  - a. Show God’s character | Psalm 119:172
  - b. Define sin | Romans 7:7-8
  - c. Restrain sin | Galatians 3:23
  - d. Show our need for a Savior | Galatians 3:24
4. God had always promised a new and better covenant | Ezekiel 16:59-60

#### **II. The Sponsor of a Better Covenant**

1. Hebrews 7:22 — This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.
  - a. Only time in the bible that this word is used
  - b. Peter O’Brien — The word rendered ‘surety, guarantor’ is a legal term which appears only here in the New Testament, but was commonly used in Hellenistic Greek of a surety who assumed responsibility for another person’s debt if the latter could not meet it.
2. A covenant in blood | Luke 22:19-20
3. An indestructible life | Hebrews 7:13-17
4. A better hope | Hebrews 7:19

### **III. The Certainty of the Better Covenant**

1. God has sworn an oath | Hebrews 7:20-22
2. Charles Spurgeon — Men should believe in Jesus Christ with their whole heart, and rely upon him with unstaggering confidence.

### **Conclusion**

1. No more ditches
  - a. Perfectionism
  - b. Disregard
2. No more despair
3. No more deals
4. No more distractions