

CONQUER IN CHRIST

Guarantee of a Better
Covenant



Hook, Line & Sinker



HOOK

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 9:3** When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, ⁴ they also acted craftily and set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, ⁵ and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* had become crumbled. ⁶ And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

LINE

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 9:11** "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us."'¹² "This our bread *was* warm *when* we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled."¹³ "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn out because of the very long journey."

SINKER

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 9:14** So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the LORD. ¹⁵ And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.

SUNK

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 9:16** And it came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living within their land.

LASTING CONSEQUENCES

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 9:18** And the sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders. ¹⁹ But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them. ²⁰ "This we will do to them, even let them live, lest wrath be upon us for the oath which we swore to them." ²¹ And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

- ^{NAS} **2 Samuel 21:1** Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the presence of the LORD. And the LORD said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." ² So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the sons of Israel made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).

APPLICATION

1. SEEK THE LORD

- **NAS Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.
- **NAS 2 Corinthians 1:8** For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; ⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

2. GOD IS FAITHFUL

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 7:22** Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

NEW COVENANT: BETTER PRIEST

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:24** but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

NEW COVENANT: BETTER PROMISES

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 8:6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.
- ^{NAS} **Jeremiah 31:33** "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ ... they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."
- ^{NAS} **Ezekiel 11:19** "And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

NEW COVENANT: BETTER SACRIFICE

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:19** For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. ²² And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. ²³ Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

- NAS **1 Peter 1:18** ... you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of ... ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
- NAS **1 Corinthians 11:24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

CONCLUSIONS

GUARANTEE OF A BETTER COVENANT

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:22** so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant... ²⁴ but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 54:17** "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.
- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- ^{NAS} **John 5:24** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
- ^{NAS} **John 10:28** and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

SECURE IN CHRIST

- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.