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The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the sole INHERITOR of all of the covenant promises which the LORD has revealed to men. HE has taken captivity captive and given gifts unto men, triumphing over all of HIS enemies and therefore the enemies of all those whom the FATHER has given HIM from before the foundation of the world. HE is the FULFILLER of the Law, which no man could keep, and HE has established HIS covenant of redemption.

The only conditional covenant which the LORD has set forth, was that which was given to Moses. Many assume this covenant is still in effect today, and go about to establish their own righteousness by a supposed adherence to its demands. Yet this covenant was never given to produce righteousness. *"if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."* This mount Sinai is no hiding place, but does clearly reveal the wickedness of mans heart and sins of his flesh.

The Law was given to teach men that they cannot keep the law nor come unto GOD by any works of their flesh. The man who thinks that he does keep the law is deluded and those who would seek to earn blessings by a supposed obedience to it deny both the holiness of the law and their own innate wickedness. Such was the plight of the Pharisee who went to the temple to pray *"thus with himself"*. The Jews perish because they go about to establish their own righteousness, even as many who profess to follow CHRIST do the same when they think that they can gain the favor of GOD by their actions. All of our *"righteousnesses"* are as filthy rags before HIM. *"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."*

The glorious New Covenant which the LORD has established is, in reality, older than the Mosaic covenant which failed due to the weakness of the flesh and not the failure of the Law. The Law does indeed accomplish exactly what it was intended to do. *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."* Any use of the law, other than to bring men to CHRIST, in repentance, is a misuse of it, and any who lay it upon the backs of those who are set free in CHRIST war against the LIBERTY of the sons of GOD. *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*

The Covenant of promise which was first demonstrated to Abraham was in reality hinted at in the LORD's declaration to Satan of that ONE who was to come. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and <u>her seed</u>; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The LORD set forth HIS promise directly to the SEED of Abraham which is the same ONE who is called the SEED of the woman. "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

The LORD taught Jeremiah how HE would bring this covenant to fruition in calling out a people which HE has loved from the beginning. This covenant of promise is set forth in contrast to that covenant of law, which only demonstrated the weakness of sinful flesh. "And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made..." This is a covenant which shall stand forever for it is built upon a PROMISE which shall never fail and does not depend in any wise on the ability or supposed faith of sinful flesh to bring it to pass or cause it to endure. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Is CHRIST and HIS righteousness your only HOPE? Or do you expect to earn the blessings of GOD by your obedience, faith and good works? If it is the latter then you shall perish in your righteousness which is but filthy rags in the sight of a HOLY GOD.

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