

An Offer You Can't Refuse! Part 1.

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

New Covenant: *Jude 1:1-2*

II Doctrine: The Covenantal structure of the Old Testament is not abandoned in the New Testament. An ambassador always speaks by the authority of his sovereign and not himself. Jude has the authority to speak for Jesus because he is a subject of the King. Jude being physically related to the Lord Jesus did not give him special authority. Like any faithful ambassador after introducing the great King, Jude reminds the people of the special blessings believers possess as subjects of Messiah.

III Application:

1) The Covenantal structure of the Old Testament is not abandoned in the New Testament. An ambassador always speaks by the authority of his sovereign and not himself. Jude has the authority to speak for Jesus because he is a subject of the King. (*Jude 1:1*)

2) Jude being physically related to the Lord Jesus did not give him special authority. (*Matthew 13:53-56; Galatians 1:11-19; 2:9,10*)

3) Like any faithful ambassador after introducing the great King, Jude reminds the people of the special blessings believers possess as subjects of Messiah. (*Jude 1:2; Jeremiah 31:31-34*)

4) Those who refuse to be in covenant with our Great King through his grace will be destroyed. It is an offer they Can't refuse. (*Revelation 22:10-17*)

Strong's Concordance #1401

doulos: a slave

Original Word: δοῦλος, ου, ὁ

Part of Speech: Adjective; Noun, Feminine; Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: doulos

Phonetic Spelling: (doo'-los)

Definition: a slave

Usage: (a) (as adj.) enslaved, (b) (as noun) a (male) slave.