

Introduction:

- When the disciple heard Jesus at the last passover say, *"... 'Take, eat; this is my body.' And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"* (Matthew 26:26-28, ESV)
 - They knew He was speaking of covenant. They knew He was the Christ. And when He spoke of His blood being poured out for many they knew He was talking covenant language.
 - They were somehow seeing that New Covenant being implemented in such a powerful way. It was different then all other covenants they had known.
- Now when they read Ps 25:14 it took on new significance. *"The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant."* (Psalm 25:14, ESV)
 - Just as the OT people took Ps 25:14 at face values so we get to do the same.
 - Only we are now believing that through our relationships with Holy Spirit, God will reveal the covenant that we have through Jesus.
- Jesus brings us the New Covenant having fulfilled the Old Covenant thereby making it obsolete. (Heb 10:9). With the fulfilling of the Old Covenant, everything connected with it was set aside.

I. The Surety of the New Covenant**A. Definition:**

1. A surety is one who stands good for another, that a certain engagement/ obligation will be carried out, will be faithfully performed.
2. Another word that we can use is guarantee.
3. Miriam's Dictionary defines it as "one who has become legally liable for a debt or failure in duty for another."
 - a) Jesus became legally liable for our debt. This is the whole reason for the cross. He took our punishment, carried our transgressions. *"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:4-5, ESV)
 - b) Jesus became legally liable for our failure "in duty" to God. Where I fail/failed to obey Jesus was obedient to the Father even unto death. *"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."* (Philippians 2:8, ESV)
 - c) Jesus is our representative in that there is no way that we can represent ourselves. This is where the law failed. We couldn't keep it. But He did!

B. Jesus is our surety of the new covenant.

1. He carried our debt to the cross.
 2. He carried out obedience when we could not.
 3. He is our representative! And we are in Him by faith, and He is in us! Surety!
- C. He stands as surety with us for God, that God's part of the covenant will be carried out. And He stands as surety with God for us, that our part will be faithfully performed. He makes God's faithfulness and our faithfulness equally sure!

II. His priesthood was confirmed by the oath of God.

- A. *"but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: 'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.' ""* (Hebrews 7:21, ESV)
1. This makes him a better priest. When God says you are a priest forever that is a big statement!
 2. And He represents us to God...forever!
 3. It is impossible for God to lie, so this is even more surety!
 4. His oath is an end to all fear and doubt!
- B. *"This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant."* (Hebrews 7:22, ESV)
1. He forever lives to make intercession for us. 7:25
 2. *"Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."* (Hebrews 7:25, ESV)

III. The better covenant assures of better promises. Heb 8:7-13

- A. Jeremiah the prophet speaks of these promises.
1. I will establish a New Covenant vs. 8
 2. God will write the law upon our hearts and in their minds. vs. 10

IV. Jesus the Surety

- A. "Jesus, the Surety of a better Covenant, Jesus is to be our assurance that everything connected with the Covenant is unchangeably and eternally sure." Andrew Murray The Two Covenants.
- B. The very thought of covenant through Christ, is an alliance of friendship!
1. We are assured of His love.
 2. We are assured of His acceptance.
 3. Everything good that comes from His hand we are assured of.
 4. Jesus is the surety of this love, Rom 5:8 *God demonstrates His love towards us, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*

V. Jesus the Surety By Better Blood

- A. *"he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and*

calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:12, ESV)

1. His own blood secured our eternal redemption.
2. His own blood, the sinless Lamb of God, gave Him entrance into the Holy of Holies. Remember the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom...declaring our redemption and freedom to enter into His presence.

Conclusion:

- The heart is the place of consumption of all these things! We enter by full assurance of faith.
- Let us close this series by saying, "We have never heard of the covenant being kept by any human; but on the part of God the Father and on the part of His Son Jesus Christ, we have never heard of the covenant being broken. This covenant was not just made... but lovingly kept.