

THE PROMISE OF COMPLETE PARDON HEBREWS 8:12

I. THIS PROMISE IS NOT A CONTRADICTION, BUT A CONTRAST TO THE PARDON EXPERIENCED UNDER THE OLD COVENANT

A. The Mosaic Law Provided No Legal Basis For The Just Exercise Of God's Mercy

1. No One Of God's Attributes Can Be Forfeited, Even In The Salvation Of Sinners
2. All Of God's Actions Are In Keeping With His Character
 - a. Exodus 34:7
 - b. Romans 3:26

B. The Mosaic Sacrifices Never Fully Satisfied The Justice Of God

1. There Is No Natural Or Moral Equivalency Between Amoral Beasts & Human Beings (Hebrews 10:1,4, 11)
2. God Withheld From Old Covenant Participants, The Sense Of Finality That We Enjoy Today, Concerning The Permanent Removal Of Our Sins
 - a. At Some Point The Question Would Eventually & Inevitably Enter The Worshipper's Mind: "Why Must We Do This Over & Over & Over Again?"
 - b. The Way Into The Holiest Was Not Yet Made Apparent

II. ONLY UNDER THE NEW COVENANT COULD GOD EVER BE PROPTIOUS & MERCIFUL TOWARD MAN'S *UNRIGHTEOUSNESS*

A. It's Not About Whether We Remember Our Sins Or Not

B. It's About God's Ability & Willingness To End The Retention Of All Our Sins As A Standing Issue Between Ourselves And God