

# Hebrews 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

## Analysis

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'By so much' refers to the superiority just demonstrated. Christ becomes 'surety' (Greek 'eggyos'—guarantor, pledge) of a 'better testament' (covenant). A surety guarantees covenant obligations will be met. Christ guarantees the new covenant's promises through His own life and work. This makes the new covenant far superior to the old.

## Historical Context

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The old covenant at Sinai required the people's obedience but provided no power to obey. The new covenant, guaranteed by Christ, provides both forgiveness and the Spirit's transforming power.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ as guarantor of the new covenant give you confidence God's promises will be fulfilled?
2. What promises of the new covenant are most precious to you?

## Interlinear Text

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κατὰ	τοσοῦτον	κρείττονος	διαθήκης	γένονεν	ἔγγυος
By	so much	of a better	testament	made	a surety
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Jesus  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 11:25** (Covenant): After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Genesis 44:32** (Parallel theme): For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

**Hebrews 13:20** (Covenant): Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

**Hebrews 12:24** (Covenant): And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Genesis 43:9** (Parallel theme): I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

**Matthew 26:28** (Covenant): For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

**Luke 22:20** (Covenant): Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.