

Hebrews 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

'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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

κατὰ τοσοῦτον κρείττονος διαθήκης γέγονεν ἔγγυος

By so much

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of a better

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testament

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Ἰησοῦς

Jesus

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Additional Cross-References

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.