

Isaiah 59:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Analysis

God establishes an eternal covenant: 'As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.' Spirit and Word together are promised perpetually to believing generations.

Historical Context

This new covenant promise combines elements of Jeremiah 31 (inward law) and Joel 2 (Spirit outpouring). It guarantees that God's revelation will be preserved through His people forever.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do Spirit and Word together characterize the new covenant?
2. What does the perpetual promise 'from henceforth and for ever' mean for the church?

Interlinear Text

יְהִי הָאָמֵן רְאֹתֶם	בְּרִית	זֶה אַתָּתִ זֶה	אָמֵן	H854	H559	H3068
H589	H2063	As for me this is my covenant	H1285	saith	the LORD	
אָשֶׁר	רְאֹתֶם	עַל יְהִי רְאֹתֶם	זֶה בְּרִית	זֶה אַתָּתִ זֶה	יְהִי הָאָמֵן	
My spirit	H834	H5921	that is upon thee and my words	H1697	H834	
which I have put	in thy mouth	H3808	shall not depart	H4185	H6310	H6310
H7760	H6310		לֹא	וְמֵפֶת	וְמֵפֶת	וְמֵפֶת
מֵעַט הָאָמֵן	יְהִי הָאָמֵן	יְהִי הָאָמֵן	שְׁמַתִּי	שְׁמַתִּי	שְׁמַתִּי	
of thy seed	in thy mouth	H2233	of thy seed	H2233	יְהִי רְאֹתֶם	יְהִי רְאֹתֶם
H2233	H6310		וְמֵפֶת	H2233	יְהִי רְאֹתֶם	יְהִי רְאֹתֶם
from henceforth and for	ever	H5704	H5769	saith	the LORD	H6258

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 10:16 (Covenant): This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Isaiah 51:16 (Word): And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Isaiah 44:3 (Spirit): For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

John 4:14 (Parallel theme): But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Isaiah 55:3 (Covenant): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Romans 8:9 (Spirit): But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 3:34 (Spirit): For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

John 7:39 (Spirit): (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Isaiah 49:8 (Covenant): Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

2 Corinthians 3:8 (Spirit): How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?