

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

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?

זֶאת אֶת־וְאֲנִי	בְּרִיתִי	אֲמַר אֲתֶם	יְהוָה
H589	H2063	H854	H3068
As for me this is my covenant		saith	the LORD
	H1285	H559	
רוּחִי	אֲשֶׁר	וְדִבְרִי	אֲשֶׁר
H834	H5921		H834
My spirit	that is upon thee and my words		
H7307	H1697		
שָׁ מָנִיתִי	וּמִפִּי	לֹא	יָמ וְשׁוּ
H7760	H6310	H3808	H4185
which I have put	in thy mouth	shall not depart	in thy mouth
			H6310
וּמִפִּי	וּמִפִּי	אֲמַר	יְהוָה
H2233	H6310	H559	H3068
of thy seed	in thy mouth	saith	the LORD
			H6258
וְעַד	עוֹלָם:		
H5704	H5769		
from henceforth and for	ever		

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?