

“Hold Firm!”  
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders  
Family Bible Study - Week 21  
Hebrews 8:7-13

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 8:12-13. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “What is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

Up to this point in the letter, what are some of the “faults” of the Law? Reconcile this verse with Romans 7:12.

Since the first law had faults, what must happen?

What text is the writer quoting in verses 8-12?

In that OT context, what is happening? Why would that audience anticipate a new covenant?

If the first covenant was given to the “house of Israel and house of Judah,” what does that mean for the non-Jews and their relationship to the covenant?

Why won’t those under the new covenant “teach their neighbor”?

If God doesn’t remember our sins, why do we?

If the first covenant is obsolete, can we, at all, live under the first covenant or any of its principles?

FOR TEENS:

When Israel did not continue in the first covenant, what did God do? How does that relate to “our” theme for Hebrews: “Hold Firm!”?

How does God’s grace through Christ make our covenant radically different from the Law of Moses?

What does God do to our sins (verse 12)?

Where does God want His law to be? How can we put it there?

What was the condition of the first covenant? What needed to happen to it?

Why won’t the covenant of Christ ever need to be overhauled or replaced?

The title “New Testament” comes from verse 13 (KJV).

FOR KIDS:

Where does God want His law to be written (verse 10)? What does the writer mean by that? On what was written the Law of Moses?

What does it mean to “be merciful”? How does God show His mercy?

Give an example of God’s grace to you.

How is Jesus’ teachings better than the Ten Commandments?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

Do you have anything at home that is old, wearing out? What do you want to do with that?

Draw a picture of the Ten Commandments. They were a part of the Law of Moses which was “becoming obsolete and growing old.”