

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS:** Below are just a few observations on a topic that I have been studying and meditating on much. For scriptural proof see Exodus 19-40; Leviticus; 2 Cor 3; Col 2-3; Hebrews, etc. It seems many churches today claim to be ministers of the "new covenant" but bear a striking resemblance to the old...

Old Covenant	New Covenant
They were given tablets engraved by the finger of God with his law (mostly "thou shalt not's").	Our hearts are engraved by the Spirit of God with his statutes and ways (mostly good fruits of righteousness).
They were given a book with ink and left to themselves to try to learn and obey.	We are given the Spirit of God and a new spirit from God that can learn of God.
A ministry of condemnation that could only lead to guilt and death.	A ministration of righteousness that finally leads to peace and life!
They had to repeatedly visit the altar for sacrifices to try to appease their guilty conscience that could never be cleansed.	We can have our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience through the eternal blood of Christ because of his ONCE for ALL finished sacrifice for sins. (sins forgotten!)
They had holy garments that they wore in the service of God to sanctify them to be acceptable to the Lord.	We are to put on humility, meekness, forgiveness, mercy, kindness, and charity for the service of our Lord.
They had a tabernacle/temple where they went to worship the Lord, pray to him, praise him, and offer sacrifices.	We are the house of God and are to be a continual house of prayer, worship, praise, and acceptable offerings.
Only the high priest and the priests could draw nigh to God.	All in the body of Christ can draw nigh to our Father by our great high priest Jesus.