



# Sermon Notes

Sermon Handwriting on the Heart

Scripture Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSVue

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1. This passage mentions that previous covenants failed, not because of God, but because of human failure. How is this expression of God's covenant different?
2. How does God internalize this new covenant in His people individually and collectively?
3. One OT scholar noted that obedience in the new covenant can be described as becoming "as normal and as readily accepted as breathing and eating." Do you think this promise has been fulfilled in full, or is it yet to come into existence? Who do you think the promise applies to?
4. John Calvin wrote that Jeremiah 31:34 is "the foundation of God's kindness." Why might he have noted this?
5. What does it mean that God forgets our sin?
6. What does it mean that "they will no longer teach one another"?
7. How would you define "knowledge of the Lord"?
8. This passage is quoted more than almost any other Old Testament text in the New Testament (Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25; 2 Corinthians 3:5–14; Hebrews 8:8–12; 10:16–17). Also, the title "The New Testament" comes from this passage. Why do you think Jesus, Paul, and the author of Hebrews kept returning to this promise to explain what Christ was doing?
9. This passage sits inside what scholars call Jeremiah's "Book of Consolation" (Jeremiah 30–33), a stretch of hope in an otherwise hard book. What hope have you seen in the hard book of Jeremiah?