

THE PROVISIONS OF GRACE ARE BETTER THAN OLD COVENANT LAW



Abraham #: eb. \$%1'. The book of Hebrews is filled with substantial references to the Old Testament. It has multiple Old Testament quotations and allusions. Old Testament heroes play an important role in the revelation. Essential to the book is the fact that it describes Old Testament laws and practices which are replaced in the transfiguration of the 2 race from 2 od.

The Christians who received the letter had suffered many hardships. You recall the former days in



\$ believe that the theme of the book is !ertinent for understanding how 2od ex!ects Christians to

of the time.

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grammatical forms that are called comparatives. These are designed to compare two things or groups of things. Superlatives are forms that go beyond comparison, though they compare and emphasize something that is superior to another. "Good" is normal. "Better" is comparative. "Best" is superlative.

Strong's indicates that the word is "used as an irregular comparative of [ ]" being the root whence also superlative [ ]." Notice that Thayer gives "best" as one of his definitions. "

used for dressing [ ] #cts +>, += ? +G, >? +=, +(.C' -

" [ ]" \* [ ] Lexicons list two forms of the word "better." They are listed as [ ] and [ ]. Most lexicons do not include [ ] but list the word [ ]. It appears that form was the more dominant in classical Greek. Of the [ ] occurrences of "better" [ ] is found in Phil. [ ], [ ] and Heb. [ ], [ ]. The form [ ] is an adverb [ ]. There is a textual problem in 1 Cor. [ ], [ ] visible in the critical text and the Majority Text. The following shows the texts together. The [ ] is the [ ] Pierpont Majority Text and the [ ] is the [ ] critical text.







9om. P nominative  
#cc. P accusative  
2en. P genitive  
7at. P dative

9eut. P neuter  
<em. P feminine

8ing. P singular  
%l. P plural

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There is an anti !odal relationshi! between the conce!ts of better and worse and inferior and better. \$n other words" A 0 (è is o! !osite of "better" can be called worse or inferior and so is the

covenant He had made with #braham in 2 en. ' ( . <e have seen what A did unto the Egy-tians, and



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on better -promises. #no other comparative form is used at the beginning of the verse. \$t is the word that means "outstanding" or "excellent." \$ts root is from which

















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