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2. The first covenant was a conditional covenant that God made with Israel, meaning that His blessings were **conditional** upon Israel's obedience. What were the conditions of that covenant? (Ex 24:3, Deut 28) Think through Israel's history. Were they generally faithful to this covenant or unfaithful? Why? (See Heb 8:9) What does it mean that God "showed no concern for them?"
3. Heb 8:7-8 says that God found fault with the first covenant. Can you explain why the Old Covenant was "faulty?" Why would God establish a covenant with Israel, which He knew was faulty ("Faulty" means unable to complete, not "with error.")? If the first covenant was faulty, then what was God's purpose in instituting it? (See Gal 3:19-26)
4. The Jews today are still reading the Old Covenant as though it is still in effect. How could you use Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Heb 8:8-12) to prove to them that God never intended for that covenant to continue, but that God intended to establish a new one?
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