

A Better Covenant

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Hebrews 8:1-13

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Jesus Christ is indeed the High Priest we need!
- 8:1 reminds us “*now the point in what we are saying is this...*”

A Better Temple and Better High Priest

- Temple was a visual reminder we are separated from God
- Temple showed we can't come to God on our own terms – only His
- We need a High Priest to mediate for us
- Earthly temple but a “*copy & shadow*” of the heavenly sanctuary

An Obsolete Covenant

- Jesus could not have entered priesthood^{7:14} by the Law
- Christ made the Old Covenant obsolete¹³
- Old Covenant - Suzerain / Vassal Treaty. Greater / lessor covenant
 - God, the Great King set the terms and gave Law
 - Men, were to obey the Law & worship (reflecting God's character)
 - Israel failed to keep the Covenant⁹ God sent prophets...
 - Old Covenant had problems... the people couldn't obey⁸
 - God didn't break His promises, the people did!
 - Old Covenant (Law) was to teach us^{Rom7;Gal3:21-26}
 - Old to teach us that God had a better plan^{8:7}

A Better Covenant Founded on Better Promises

- God told us Old was insufficient - Jer 31:31-34^{Heb8:8-12}
- Old Covenant was merely temporary lesson >> GOSPEL!
- In New Covenant God leaves nothing to chance¹⁰

1-God writes His Commands on our Hearts¹⁰

- Law was good^{Rm7:12} - shows heart of God
- Problem was with our hearts^{Jer17:9}
- New Covenant gives us a new nature^{2Cor5:17;14-15;Eph2:1;Rm7;22}

2-I Will be their God and they shall be My people¹⁰

- Wow a new relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- A personal relationship: not distant^{Rm5:6} but personal^{Gal2:20}
- We are now SONS^{Gal3:26} part of God's family!

3-Believers will ALL know Him!¹¹

- God is more than just an object of worship in Christianity
- Because of Jesus we can *Draw near to God*^{Heb7:25}
- Believers can relate to God and enjoy God^{Heb6:19-20}
- We get access because of Jesus' work, not our works!

4-Believers have complete forgiveness in Christ!¹²

- Jesus fulfilled terms of New Covenant on our behalf^{2Cor5:21!}
- Jesus' work means ALL of our sins are forgotten^{Ps103:12}
- LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD *I will remember their sins no more!*^{Heb8:12}
- Let Gospel Gratitude drive you to holiness

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