



What Makes the New Covenant Better?, Part 1

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Hebrews 8:1-13

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priesthood: Christ and Melchizedek (7-10)

MELCHIZEDEK, JESUS, & THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD — The Typology & Superiority (7:1-28)

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

8:1 *"Now the main point in what has been said is this:"*

1) Jesus has taken His **SEAT**. v. 1

"... we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ..."

Question — Where is heaven?

Question — How can Jesus be seated if Acts 7:55 says Stephen saw him "standing?"

When it says that Jesus is seated, it is because He rests from His finished work of **REDEMPTION**. (Hebrews 8:1)

When it says that Jesus was standing, it was because one of His own had fallen into trouble, and His is standing to take **ACTION**. (Acts 7:55)

2) Jesus has entered the true **SANCTUARY**. vs. 2-5

v. 2 — The earthly tabernacle was a shadow or reflection of God's "**TRUE** tabernacle" in heaven.

v. 3 — Both "**GIFTS**" and "**SACRIFICES**" are offered by *all* priests.

vs. 4-5 — If the priesthood of Jesus had been connected to the earthly tabernacle, then Jesus could "**NOT** be a priest at **ALL**."

LESSON - What Makes the New Covenant Better?, Part 1 8:1-13

I. IT IS A BETTER COVENANT v.6

"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises."

II. IT HAS BETTER BENEFITS vs. 7-13

The Problem with the Old Covenant v. 7

"For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second."

The Promises of the New Covenant vs. 8-13 (Jeremiah 31)

1) It was written by **GOD** v. 8

"Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will effect a new covenant ..."

Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you today?