



Hebrews 8v1-13

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2v1: We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

Jesus is a better priest...

- A better ministry (8v1-5)
- A better covenant (8v6-13)

1) A Better Ministry

V1-2: Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

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This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”



2) A Better Covenant

V6-7: But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises. ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

2) A Better Covenant

Exodus 19v4-5: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

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V7-8: For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people...

2) A Better Covenant

Luke 22v20: He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

2) A Better Covenant

V8: “The days are coming, declares the Lord,

when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

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V9: It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they did not remain faithful to
my covenant,
and I turned away from them,
declares the Lord.

2) A Better Covenant

V10: This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord.

2) A Better Covenant

- **Obedience is no longer impossible**

V10: I will put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

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Acts 2v38: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

2) A Better Covenant

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Ezekiel 36v26-27: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

2) A Better Covenant

- Obedience is no longer impossible
- **Access is no longer restricted**

V11: No longer will they teach their neighbour,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

2) A Better Covenant

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Mark 15v37-38: With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

2) A Better Covenant

- Obedience is no longer impossible
- Access is no longer restricted
- **Sins are no longer remembered**

V12: For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

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What we have in Jesus is so much better!

