

Hebrews 8 - The Better Covenant

In chapters 5 - 7, Paul showed that Christ is the better priest.

Better than both Aaron and Melchisedec.

Now he shows that Christ's priesthood is by way of a better covenant.

I. The New Covenant's High Priest is Better v 1

Verse 1 completes the testimony of 7:26-28.

The new covenant's priest is *set*, i.e. he has 'sat down' because his work is complete. The priests of the old covenant never sat down in the tabernacle. They repeated their work continually, generation after generation.

II. The New Covenant's Sanctuary is Better v 2-5

The old covenant priests ministered in an earthly sanctuary.

Christ ministers his priesthood in *the true tabernacle* in heaven (Rev 15:5).

The Jewish temple with its layout and furnishings were mere *shadows of the heavenly*. Exodus 25:1, 8-9, 40

How much better is Christ's ministry to us.

III. The New Covenant's Promises are Better v 6-13

A. The Promise of grace, v 8

God gave the promise in a prophecy - *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

B. A promise written on the heart, v 10

C. The promise of a full pardon, v 12

D. An eternal promise, v 13

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