

Jesus, Mediator of a Better Covenant Hebrews 8:1-13

Hebrews 8:1-13 (LSB)

Now the main point in what is being said is this: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the holy places and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." 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. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. For finding fault with them, He says,

"Behold, days are coming, says the Lord,
When I will complete a new covenant
With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;
Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers
In the day when I took them by the hand
To lead them out of the land of Egypt;
For they did not continue in My covenant,
And I did not care for them, says the Lord.
For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
After those days, says the Lord:

I will put My laws into their minds,
And upon their hearts I will write them.
And I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.
And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen,
And everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
For all will know Me,
From the least to the greatest of them.
For I will be merciful to their iniquities,
And I will remember their sins no more."

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

I. Jesus, Our Perfect High Priest (Hebrews 8:1-6)

- The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood
- Jesus, the Mediator of a Better Covenant

II. The Deficiency of the Old Covenant (Hebrews 8:7-9)

- The Old Covenant Was Insufficient
- Israel's Rebellion and God's Response

III. The Blessings of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:10-13)

- Internal Transformation, Not External Regulations
- A Personal Relationship with God
- Complete Forgiveness of Sins

Living in the Power of the New Covenant:

- If you're still trying to earn God's favor, trust in Christ's finished work.
- If you're a believer, live in the power of the New Covenant—walking in obedience, extending forgiveness, and enjoying fellowship with God.
- If you haven't yet entered into this covenant through faith in Jesus, today is the day to surrender your life to Him.