

# HEBREWS

< JESUS IS GREATER >

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## The Superior Covenant

In our daily lives, we often set our hope on various things. God knows how weak we are and how we fail to live up to his standards and fix our hope on things that do not last. The writer of Hebrews is calling us to see how Jesus is greater. Not only did Jesus pay the penalty for our sins "once for all" but he also paved the way for a personal relationship with God. This relationship is marked by an internal work in our hearts that enables us to know God personally and daily experience his presence as we seek to follow him.

1. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews has to remind these people about the priesthood of Jesus and how he is the mediator of a better covenant? What do you think is tempting them to go back to their "old" ways?
2. What tempts us to go back to our "old" ways? Do you ever sense a temptation to fall back on the things you once found hope in? What are some of those false idols in your life?
3. What do you think is often driving us away from a personal relationship with God? What is driving you towards a personal relationship with God? How often do you think about God's mercy and forgiveness in your life?
4. Do you sense that God has written his laws on your heart? What are some of the ways God has changed your heart in the past and recently? How have you seen God's power at work in each other's hearts? How can we encourage each other to see God's presence at work in our lives?