



A Study In Hebrews

High Priest of a better covenant

Hebrews 8



Understanding Scripture is hard...

- On one hand you have many chapters of the law delivered to the Israelites in the wilderness.
- And then... **Heb 7:18** For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
- If this paradigm shift is hard for us imagine how hard it was for early Jews.
- The whole point of Hebrews.

The Point...

- Vs. 1 Now testifying again that Christ is the new high priest and better one as He is seated at the right hand of God.
- Vs.2 True Tent? Allusion to the tabernacle in the wilderness and proving grounds of the priesthood.
- Vs.3 Priests offer things so they must have something to offer, they offered blood atonement.
- Vs.4 Priest on earth... no need we already have those.
 - Not Levite
 - Not of this world
- Vs. 5 The law was specific for a reason.
 - It had to mirror what was to come
 - It had to lead people to grace eventually
 - It had to establish a priesthood lineage
 - All so that it could be become obsolete

Heb 8:1-5 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, (2) a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. (3) For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. (4) Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. (5) They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."



Fault with the Old...

Heb 8:6-8 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. (8) For he finds fault with them when he says...

Jer 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. (33) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (34) And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



Obsolete...

- Heb 8:13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.



So why do we keep putting senseless laws upon ourselves?

- You must read your bible... No You desire to read your bible because you want to know God.
- You must attend church... No you desire to attend church because of your brothers work and encouragement.
- You must wear these clothes... No you wear modest apparel that you know will please the Lord because you desire to.
- You must listen to this music... No you do not listen to things that you know offend God.
- You must , you must, you must... the list goes on and on.
- I desire, I desire, I desire should instead be the cry because we have a new High Priest with a new covenant.

2Co 5:13-15 For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause. (14) For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: (15) And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.



We live in a glorious age where we are no longer bound by the law but are compelled by love and freedom to obey God because we care for Him.



A still life composition featuring a lit candle, a scroll, a chalice, and a book, with text overlaid. The scene is dimly lit, with the candle providing the primary light source. The scroll is unrolled, showing Hebrew text. The chalice is ornate and filled with a dark liquid. The book is closed and lies to the right. The overall mood is solemn and scholarly.

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