



HEBREWS

THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

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“All the sacrifices and gifts in the world could not ease the most seriously disturbed part of man’s inner life. The better covenant offered full and complete inward cleansing.”

- Raymond Brown



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Hebrews 8:1-13



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“But Jesus has now obtained a superior ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been established on better promises.”

- *Hebrews 8:6* [CSB]



The Incomparable Christ is:

1. The High Priest of a Better Ministry.



“Only the high priest might enter the holy of holies; but Jesus has secured access into God’s presence for all his people. Only once a year [on the Day of Atonement] might the high priest enter; but Jesus has secured for us continuous access. Only with the blood of animal sacrifice might the high priest enter; but Jesus entered with his own blood.



“Only cleansing from ceremonial defilement was secured by the Old Testament sacrifices; but Jesus secured the forgiveness of our sins. Only by regular sacrifices could the people remain clean; but Jesus died once for all.”

- John Stott

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“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”

- *Hebrews 7:25* [NIV]



The Incomparable Christ is:

1. The High Priest of a Better Ministry.
2. The Mediator of a Better Covenant.



Why did we need a New Covenant?

“If just knowing what to do was sufficient to make us live as we should, then the revelation in the Old Testament would have been adequate: God telling the people how to live would result in the people living that way.



Why did we need a New Covenant?

“If this had worked, we would not have needed the cross.”

- Christina Walker

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“Religion says, ‘live like this and God will accept you.’ And the Gospel says, ‘At infinite cost through Jesus Christ, God has accepted you. Now live like this.’”

- Tim Keller



The Incomparable Christ is:

1. The High Priest of a Better Ministry.
2. The Mediator of a Better Covenant.
3. The Keeper of Better Promises.



“God once wrote his laws to his people, now he will write his laws *in* them; he will give them understanding to know and to believe his laws; he will give them memories to retain them; he will give them hearts to love them, courage to profess them, and power to put them in practice.”

- Matthew Henry



God's "I Will" Statements of Hebrews 8:10-12:

- I will put my laws in their minds.
- I will write them on their hearts.
- I will be their God and they will be my people.
- I will forgive their wickedness.
- I will remember their sins no more.



Our response to God's "I Will" Statements:

- Lord, I believe You will put your laws in my mind.
- Lord, I believe You will write your laws on my heart.
- Lord, we believe You will be our God, and we will be your people.
- Lord, I believe You will forgive my wickedness.
- Lord, I believe You will remember my sins no more.



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