

## **Hebrews 8:1-13**

### The Superiority of Jesus' Ministry

**I. Introduction:** The author explained that Jesus' ministry is superior to the Levitical priesthood because He has guaranteed a better covenant with better promises.

**II. The Superiority of Jesus' Ministry (Heb 8:1-13).**

A. His Superior Service (vv. 1-5).

1. The author of Hebrews explained that Jesus sits at the right hand of God's throne in power, serving as our high priest who ministers from Heaven.

B. His Superior Mediation (vv. 6-9).

1. The writer proclaimed that Jesus became a mediator of a new covenant with better promises because the Israelites could not keep the Mosaic covenant.

C. His Superior Covenant (vv. 10-13).

1. The writer proclaimed that God established a new covenant to bring about His sovereign work of regeneration, so that sinners would be transformed.

**III. Conclusion:** The author wanted his audience to celebrate the greatness of Jesus' high priesthood because He is the mediator of a greater covenant.

## **Study Questions: The Superiority of Jesus' Ministry**

1. What is the new covenant? Why was the new covenant needed? What happened to the old covenant? Why was the old covenant unable to completely forgive sin?
2. What was the main point that the author wanted to address? (**Heb 8:1-5**) Why is it significant that Jesus sat down at God's right hand? (**v. 1**) How does He serve in a better sanctuary? (**v. 2**)
3. What does it mean that the Tabernacles was a copy of the heavenly things? (**Heb 8:4-5**) Where did Moses see the pattern for the Tabernacle? (**v. 5**) How is Jesus' service heavenly in nature?
4. How is Jesus a better mediator than Moses? (**Heb 8:6-9**) Why is the covenant that Jesus enacted better than the old covenant? (**v. 6**) Why was another covenant needed? (**v. 7**)
5. How did God find Israel guilty of violating the old covenant? (**Heb 8:8-9**) What was the new covenant mentioned by the author? (**Jer 31:31-34**) When did Jesus initiate it? (**Luke 22:20**)
6. What did God promise He would do through the new covenant? (**Heb 8:10-12**) What did He say he would do to their hearts and minds? (**v. 10**) How would God do this? (**Ezek 36:24-28**)
7. How did God say He would draw them near to Himself? (**Heb 8:10-11**) What would God do with their sins? (**Heb 8:12**) What would God do with the old covenant? (**Heb 8:13**)
8. Have you had your life changed by the new covenant? Do you want God to transform your heart and mind? Would you ask God to breathe His spiritual life into your soul?

### **Prayer**

1. Ask God to give you a new heart and mind through the promise of His new covenant.
2. Pray that God might help you to trust your eternal salvation to Jesus' finished work.