

Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Leviticus 18-20, part 3

“The Guarantee of a Better Covenant”

July 13, 2025

Hebrews 7:22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

The unconditional relationship between God and Abraham is superior to the conditional relationship between God and the Israelites, as proven by the superiority of the priesthood of Jesus over the priesthood of Levi/Aaron.

The New Covenant, under the High Priesthood of Jesus, is a better covenant than was the Law priesthood under Aaron. There is now free access to God through the blood of Jesus Christ; and, our High Priest took away our sins, He did not simply cover them up until next year.

And, our relationship with God is not transactional. Unlike the Mosaic Covenant, which promised a blessing for obedience, and required a curse for disobedience, Jesus kept the Law, plus He became the curse of the Law for us, so that we can walk in newness of life, free from fear, and motivated by love.

Our new relationship with God is based on faith, not performance. One pitfall of an incomplete understanding of this new relationship is difficulty reconciling the inevitable difficulties in life with the knowledge that God loves us unconditionally.

The priesthood of Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18-20

The unconditional nature of God’s promise of eternal life

Genesis 15:6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

We are saved today exactly the same way that Abraham was saved: faith in the promise of God for everlasting life. The Mosaic Law was not given

as a means of saving anyone; it was given to show them, and us, our need for a Savior.

Genesis 15:9-17 God’s passing between the animals while Abraham slept proves to us that His promise was, and is, based solely on Him, and our contribution plays no role in our salvation.

The conditional nature of the Mosaic Law

Leviticus 18:5; Deuteronomy 28.

The superiority of the priesthood of Melchizedek over the priesthood of the Law

Hebrews 7. The priesthood of Aaron is less than the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Galatians 3:6-14

It is a mistake for believers to put themselves into a law relationship with God, wherein we make an assumption that if we “keep our end of the bargain” then God is compelled to do what we think He should do. For one thing, it is impossible for us to “keep our end of the bargain.” Christ rescued us from that type of relationship with God, and He gives us the promise to Abraham of spiritual blessings which do not depend on us to bring about.

They were told to follow the Law and live; we are told, “You are alive, so be lawful.” And when we are walking in the Spirit, we are being lawful, and we are not fulfilling the desires of the flesh. And, our lawfulness will have some overlap with the Mosaic Law, but our frame of reference is not the Mosaic Law, it is the Law of Christ, the sum of every commandment given to NT believers by Jesus and the apostles.

Legalism says, “Be good, so God will give you what you want.” The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus says, “I am alive, I am already seated in the heavenlies, and I am free to serve, regardless of the temporal outcome.”