

Hebrews 8:1-13

“Jesus’ New Covenant of Grace”

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Intro. How many of you have a will [Last Will and Testament]? How many of you know that you are a beneficiary of a will? If a will was changes to provide great benefits for you, would you be interested to know how to receive the benefits?

Thesis: The covenant of Grace [NT] is better than the covenant of Law [OT]. All are under the law until they enter the New Covenant in Christ. If we understood the benefits of the New we would rejoice to be in the New Covenant

Subject: The New Covenant in Christ

Object: Rejoice in the New Covenant

Context: cf. Jews who argue we have: angels, prophets, Moses, Joshua, PL, High Priest, covenant, temple, what do you have in Jesus? **Jesus fulfills all OT points to.** JC is superior **priest** to Levites per order of Melchizedek [ch.7], and ministers a superior **covenant** [ch. 8]

I. Why is the New Testament better than the Old? [1-13]

A. Jesus ministers the New Testament from a better place [1-5]

v. 1 we have such a high priest perfect priest forever [Ch.7]

1. **Seated at right hand of God: [v.1]** no seats in Holy of Holies, no other High Priest ever sat since work not finished. Right hand is place of honor, power, and authority.

2. Sanctuary of heaven: [v.2-5]

a. **Better maker [2]: made by God not man** Cf. tabernacle, temple were made by men per God’s design but were shadow of heavenly reality made by God

b. **Better offering place[3]:** High Priest offers gifts/offerings & sacrifices [slain animals

i. **Deut. 12:13-14** must be offered in God’s appointed place, and heaven is ultimate appointed place.

ii. Jesus offers Himself once and for all **Heb. 7:27** [ch.9]

v. 4 **on earth not be a priest:** since not a Levite [Judah] could not offer **offer:** present tense, temple still standing [pre-AD 70]

3. **Superior temple: [5]** Tabernacle on earth = picture of heavenly sanctuary. Shows how God’s people are to approach Him in worship [pattern = *typos* > type]

> door of outer court > altar of burnt offering > laver > Holy Place > Holy Holies

note: to worship God we must approach God per His rules

Ex. 25:40 God instructed Moses to follow directions exactly per blueprint since picture of heavenly spiritual reality

a. **Glory of earthly temple can’t compare to heavenly temple**

B. Jesus ministers a better covenant why is it better?

1. Better Mediator [6] Jesus is Mediator of NT & guarantees fulfillment **Heb. 7:22**

1 Tim. 2:5 There is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus

a. cf. Moses as mediator of OT

2. Better promises [7-13]:

a. The first covenant [OT] is not faultless because God foretold a second [7]

i. OT/Law reveals God's perfection, man's sin and need for a Savior, but does not save

ii. **Rom. 7:12** law is just, holy, and good

iii. **fault with them [8]:** The problem is not the Old Covenant [the law is perfect] but the problem is that we are unable to keep it

b. The second covenant is faultless [8-12] Jeremiah 31:31-34

Note: new [8]: *kainos* new in nature or quality not merely time

Israel & Judah [8]: Jews [to the Jew 1st > Gentiles]

Lu. 22:20 Upper Room, took cup > this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you, which is shed for you

? Why might Christians feel that God loves them more or less depending on their religious performance? Cf. Parent re teens

i. Depends on God's performance not man's [9] OT based on man's promise to obey [Ex. 19:8, 24:7]. Cond on obedience > blessing or disobedience > adversity

note: I will: 6x [8-12] repetition re God's responsibility

note: OT what man must do, NT what God will do

ii. Develops an intimate relationship with God [10] law in mind: know; on hearts: love God & His Word I shall be their God & they shall be My people:

Note: motive to obey is love and trust not fear

? How does trusting God and knowing His love motivate obedience?

iii. Directs knowledge of God [11] all shall know: the early church lived the NT life before the NT was written, God was directing and empowering by His Holy Spirit

note: God delights to speak when we desire to hear

iv. Declares forgiveness of sin [12] Remember our sins no more. NT mercy > forgive sins forever [penalty removed forever] cf. OT temporary covering

v. Displaces the Old [13] NT is superior & makes the OT obsolete