

Bigger & Better

Hebrews (7:22-28) 8:1-13

I. **A BETTER PRIEST** (1-6)—superior; unlike sinful, mortal priests

Mediator = intercessor, arbitrator, goes-between two parties to make agreement.

Covenant = a formal, solemn, binding agreement ; contract, treaty

A. **Eternal** (7:23–25)—permanent priesthood, never ends, always lives to intercede.

B. **Sinless** (7:26-28)—can enter God’s holy presence on His own merit and offer Himself for us

C. **In Heaven** (8:1-2; Ps 110:1)—Where God is

1. **Seated** ()—His mission is completed; accomplished

2. **In the Throne Room**—our man on the inside

3. **At God’s Right Hand**—highest honor, greatest influence

4. **In the True Tabernacle**—the *real thing* the *earthly tabernacle* merely represented.

II. **A BETTER COVENANT** (7:22; 8:6-13)—

A. **Inadequacy of the Old Covenant** (Jer 31:31-34)—Levitical System obsolete

1. **Symbolic Ritual** (8:3-5)—merely a copy and shadow; can’t remove or deliver from sin.

2. **Unable to Change Human Nature**—no power to make righteous

3. **Unable to Restore Relationship**—Holy of Holies still off limits

4. **Repetitive Reminder of Offense**—continual reminder of broken relationship and unworthiness

B. Better Promises of the New Covenant (8:6)—

1. **Actual Salvation** (7:27; 8:1)—Jesus *actually atoned* for our sins.

2. **Changes Hearts** (8:10)—We **desire** to obey the Law of God and are **empowered** to do it.

3. **Restores Intimacy** (8:11)—We are welcome in God's presence

4. **Sin Removed and Offense Forgotten** (8:12)—We are no longer offensive to God.

III. A BIGGER REALITY ()—there is more going on than we can see

A. Heaven is *more real* than earth.

B. Eternity is *longer* than this life.

C. Our Salvation is anchored in eternal reality.