

# Hebrews

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What makes the New Covenant better?

Under the New Covenant, God does more than write the rules on stone tablets, He writes them in the hearts and minds of all members of the New Covenant.

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In the New Covenant, God says:

1. I will put my laws into their minds.
2. I will write them on their hearts.
3. I will be their God and they shall be my people.

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Under the New Covenant, there is a supernatural internal difference that is accomplished by God Himself on behalf of His people. The difference from "we will" to "I will" is what makes the New Covenant different from the Old Covenant.

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Unlike the Old Covenant, all members of the New Covenant know God, they have the Holy Spirit, and have been forgiven of their sins by God.

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Exodus 25:8-9

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Why was God so specific about the place where people went to worship Him?

Because, the place of worship was designed by God to teach the people theology.

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Under the New Covenant we do not see emphasis given to the place of worship like we do under the Old Covenant.

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Under the New Covenant Christ has fulfilled both the regulations of the Old Covenant and all that the "place of holiness" (the tabernacle) were meant to teach mankind.

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Hebrews 10:19-25

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Under the New Covenant, it is not the place of gathering, but the gathering itself that is emphasized.

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Colossians 2:17

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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John 4:16-26

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John 2:19-22

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The Person of worship is far more important than the place of worship.

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Why does the author time on explaining the tabernacle of the Old Covenant?

Because, as a shadow it was designed by God to point to Christ and what He would accomplish in the New Covenant.

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Exodus 25:8-9

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Exodus 40:34-38

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What made the tabernacle holy?

The Holy One.

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Exodus 26:31-35

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Genesis 3:24

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He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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The tabernacle's use of the cherubim taught the same theological lesson that the cherubim did at the entrance of the Garden of Eden.

1. God is holy.
2. Man is sinful.
3. Sin separates man from God.
4. Sin deserves punishment from God.

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1. Should places of worship look a certain way? For example, one church is built in cruciform (cross shape), places a large pulpit at the head of the cross to represent that the Word of God is at the center of their church, and great effort is made to designate the place of worship as architecturally unique and special. However, another church down the road buys an old rundown rectangular metal building and uses it for gathering together. Who is right? Are they both right? Discuss.
2. Within the New Covenant sins of all believers are fully dealt with by God Himself. (A.) What specifically is mentioned about how Jesus has dealt with sin in the following passages, and (B.) what comfort do these passages give you?
  - A. Hebrews 1:3
  - B. Hebrews 2:17
  - C. Hebrews 9:27-28
3. When we read Hebrews, we find that the New Covenant is a really big deal. However, for many Christians, they have not heard much about it. Discuss reasons as to why this is the case?
4. Many people have a confused view of the nation of Israel because they do not understand the difference between the Old and New Covenants and who is included within them. So, is the New Covenant only for the political nation of Israel, the genetic line of Israel/Jacob, for all who are in Christ, or other? Feel free to talk about it, but please look up the following passages as well and see what truths they can shine on the issue.
  - A. Galatians 3:23-29
  - B. Romans 2:28-29
  - C. Romans 4:11-12,16
  - D. Romans 9:4-8
  - E. John 8:39-45
  - F. 2 Corinthians 1:20
  - G. Colossians 3:11-13