

Why Jesus? Better Promises

Someone Better

Hebrews 8:1-13

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So what is the main Point? Jesus is **all I need**.

1. Where is our High Priest?
 - a. Jesus is now **seated** in a place of majesty not **standing** before the altar (8:1-2)
 - b. Jesus is now **ministering** in the true sanctuary not **servicing** in the shadowy tabernacle. (8:3-5)
 - c. Jesus is **mediating** a better covenant not **mending** a faulty copy. (8:6)
2. What was wrong with the Old covenant? It was based on **human performance**. *Ex 24:6-8 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."*
 - a. The priest were **weak** and sinful (7:27-28)
 - b. The people were weak and **disobedient**
 - i. Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.
 - ii. Heb 8:9b - ...because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.
3. Why is the New Covenant better? It is based on **God's promises**. (8:10-12; Jer. 31:31-34)
 - a. The New Covenant is not **negotiated**
 - b. The New Covenant is not **performance** based
 - c. The New Covenant is not ratified (activated) by mankind (Gen 1:1-21)
 - d. The New Covenant is not an outward **ritual** but an inward **regeneration**.
4. What do we do with the New Covenant? (8:13) **Receive** it or **reject** it!
 - a. There is no **middle ground**.
 - b. There is no **alternative**.