

# A Better Covenant Built on Better Promises

Sermon 20 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 8:1-6

### I. The Shadow Compared to the Reality 8:1-5

A. We have a High Priest v. 1

B. The Sanctuary and True Tabernacle v. 2

**8:2** “true tabernacle” and **9:11** “more perfect tabernacle”.

John Owen makes this point:

*“The church hath lost nothing by the removal of the old tabernacle and temple, all being supplied by this sanctuary, true tabernacle, and minister thereof... The glory and worship of the temple was that which the Jews would by no means part withal and in later ages men ceased not, until they had brought into Christianity itself a worship vying for external order, ceremony, pomp, and painting, with whatever was in the tabernacle or temple of old.”*

1. The Sanctuary

General agreement that the “sanctuary” is heaven itself.

2. The Tabernacle.

The Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ who is the sacrifice.

Christ who makes atonement for our sin.

Christ who fulfills all the antetypes.

Christ who today ministers for us.

Christ who for all eternity will minister for us.

The true tabernacle has to do with the incarnation in the fact that He took upon Himself a true body and a reasonable soul – and He maintains both for all eternity, and today He “sits” at the right hand of God making intercession for us.

3. Something to Offer v. 3

4. Not a Priest on Earth v. 4

5. The Copy and Shadow v. 5

6. The Pattern v.5

We will look at the typology of the Tabernacle.  
God gave Moses exacting detail on how to make the  
Tabernacle – right down to hooks and rings to hang the draperies.

However, the reality was in Heaven.

## **II. More Excellent and Better v. 6**

John Owen gives 17 ways the New Covenant is better than the Old.

This list is from Dr. Ken Puls who gives 10 ways the New Covenant is Superior to the Old.

1. The reality is better than types and shadows which were meant to pass away.
2. A better “seed”. (Spiritual as opposed to physical)
3. A better promise in that –“all shall know me”.  
This was not true in the Old Covenant.
4. A better use of the law  
The law is no longer written in stone, it’s written in our hearts.
5. A better worship  
Simple not ceremonial
6. Better access to God
7. A better revelation (because it is completed).
8. A better sign of the covenant  
The sign of the OC was circumcision.  
We have circumcision of the heart.
9. Better spiritual realities
10. Better offices and sacrifices