

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"A Better Ministry"
Hebrews 8:1-13
Study-17

Hebrews 8:5 – "who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things,"

Hebrews 8 – Christ's Better Covenant: We have looked at the Person of the Priesthood; Now His Work.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Our High Priest Offered Himself As The Sacrifice And Now Is The Exulted Priest Upon The Throne."

1. Verses 1-5 – A Heavenly Ministry

2. Verses 6-13 – A Better Ministry

1. Verses 1-5 – A Heavenly Ministry:

Hebrews 8:1

"Now the main point in what has been said is this:" – The term "main point" – "sum, the key feature of the discussion"; Jesus Abundantly Meets The Need As High Priest! Hebrews 7:28.

"The Seated Christ Is Serving From The Heavenly Tabernacle" and "Ministering The Benefits Of The New Covenant."

Verses 1-2 – A True Tabernacle

"taken His seat" – There was no seat in the tabernacle of Moses.

Jesus Assumed His Position After He Purged Our Sins: Hebrews 1:3.

Jesus Sat Down In Response To The Invitation Of His Father: Psalm 110:1, Hebrews 1:13.

Hebrews 8:2

"a minister" – English term "liturgy" is based upon the Greek word; "public service, military servants, servants of the king, and temple servants."

"in the sanctuary" – literally reads "the holy things".

"the true tabernacle" – The true tabernacle is where God dwells, where His glory is manifested, Isaiah 6:1-4.

“pitched” – The metaphor of “pitching the fastening of tent pegs”,
1 Kings 8:27.

Revelation 21:22

Verses 3-4 – A True Offering: Hebrews 8:3

The Prophet stood before the people as God’s representative; The Priest stood before God representing the people!

Hebrews 8:4

Jesus’ service must be in a heavenly realm, and the nature of His sacrifice must be radically different from that made by the Jewish priests.

Verse 5 – “Copy And Shadow Of The Heavenly”: Hebrews 8:5

~Pictures Of The Tabernacle Of Moses~

“who serve a copy” – “example, substance of, a specimen”; a copy of a master painting. Seeing the original master brings more appreciation.

“and shadow” – “reflection from an object, mental picture”; “of the heavenly things,” – Colossians 2:16-17.

John 1:14 – The term “dwelt” – “tabernacle, set His tent up”; Jesus was the substance of (copy), while the Tabernacle was but a shadow; Jesus was it! God entering humanity!

Exodus 25:40

Exodus 26:30

Stephen Testified That Moses Did So: Acts 7:44

The term “pattern” transliterates as “type”.

2. Verses 6-13 – A Better Ministry:

Hebrews 8:6

3 Statements Are Made Revealing A Better Ministry By Jesus:

- 1. Verse 6 – Jesus’ Superior Ministry:** “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry,”

Excellent Ministry – “obtained a more excellent” – “superior” ministry”

Better Covenant: “He is also the mediator of a better covenant,”

Mediator – Jesus as a mediator: as a prophet, He reveals God’s truth; as a Priest, He provides God’s redemption; as a King, He bestows God’s power.

1 Timothy 2:5

“covenant,” – “contract, last will and testament; gives the stipulations for both parties; covenant was more than just a treaty. It was both a legal contract and a formalized bond of life and death, sealed with an oath.” Used 12X Hebrews 8-9.

Old Covenant – God offered life to those who kept the law. The old system depended upon the promise of man toward God. Exodus 19:5-8

God’s Law Was Made Up Of 3 Parts:

1. The Commandments, Exodus 20:1-24.
2. Righteous will of God in judgments, Exodus 21:1-24.
3. Governing Social life contained Ordinances, Exodus 24:12-31:18.

Better Promises: “which has been enacted on better promises.” – The New Covenant from the unconditional promises of God toward His people. We would receive His blessing because He willed to confer it upon us apart from our merit and solely through His grace.

2. Verse 7 – The Defective Covenant Needed Replacement: Hebrews 8:7

Old Covenant Was Poor: “For if that first covenant had been faultless,” – Galatians 3:21

Romans 7:12

What Was The Fault Of The Law? That it depended upon man for its fulfillment, (That was the problem) Romans 8:3.

3. Verses 8-13 – The Description Of The New Covenant: Hebrews 8:8.

What we have now is the quotation of Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The New Covenant was not established in the time of Jeremiah; it was only predicted. "He says, 'BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING,'"

Hebrews 8:9

"I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;" – The tenderness of God!

Hebrews 8:10

We Now Have A Direct Knowledge Of God Through Jesus:
Hebrews 8:11.

All will know God through Jesus Christ. 1 John 2:27

Hebrews 8:12

James 2:10

"I WILL BE MERCIFUL" – God can be merciful toward sinners because Jesus Christ satisfied the divine demands for the penalty of sin. 1 Peter 3:18

New Covenant Brings Complete Forgiveness: "AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."

Hebrews 8:13

"and growing old is ready to disappear." – "a vapor that appears and disappears"

Application:

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