

For the Week Beginning March 15, 2026

## “A Superior Ministry”

### ✦ Hebrews 8:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup>and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

<sup>3</sup>Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup>If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. <sup>5</sup>They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” <sup>6</sup>But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.

**Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.**

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

#### ✦ Opening Question:

- Have you ever invested heavily in something that turned out to be short-term? How did that affect you?
- Think of a time you experienced the “real thing” after only seeing a copy or preview. What was the difference?

#### ✦ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

#### Verses 1-2

**1. According to verse 1, what is “the main point” the author has been telling us about Jesus?**

State verse 1 in your own words

**2. Why does the author emphasize that Jesus is seated?**

What does sitting at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven imply?

**3. According to verse 2, what does it mean that Christ serves in the “true tabernacle, set up by the Lord, not by man?”**

Why is it significant that Christ’s ministry is ongoing?

How are these two tabernacles different? What is our relationship to each tabernacle?

#### Verses 3-5

**4. Why does the author state that every high priest must offer gifts and sacrifices?**

Why does verse 4 say that if Jesus were on earth, He would not be a priest? What gifts and sacrifice have Christ offered?

**5. What does it mean that earthly priests serve “a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven?”**

What does this teach about the intentional design of the Old Covenant system? Why is it dangerous to cling to the shadow once reality has come?

#### Verse 6

**6. Looking at verses 1-6, in what ways is the ministry of Jesus superior to the Old Covenant priesthood?**

What does it mean that Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant? How is a mediator different from a priest?

#### ✦ Living the Word/Application:

- In what ways do Christians today still cling to shadows?
- How should this passage change how you approach God?