

Hebrews 8: The Glory of Better Promises

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***Jesus did not come to improve the old covenant;  
He came to fulfill God's plan by establishing a better one.***

*Now [this is] the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. (Hebrews 8:1-2 NKJV)*

Jesus is seated because His work of atonement is complete.

*The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (Psalm 110:1 NKJV)*

Christ seated is the declaration of completed redemption.

*which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated [Him] at His right hand in the heavenly [places], (Ephesians 1:20 NKJV)*

The tabernacle on earth was a shadow; Jesus ministers in the substance.

*For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore [it is] necessary that this One also have something to offer. (Hebrews 8:3 NKJV)*

A priest without an offering is no priest at all.

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29 NKJV)*

The old priests brought another's blood. Jesus brought His own.

*For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See [that] you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." (Hebrews 8:4-5 NKJV)*

***The old covenant was never the destination; it was the signpost pointing to Christ.***

*But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. (Hebrews 8:6 NKJV)*

The old covenant promised blessing around us; the new covenant is transformation within us.

*For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. (Hebrews 8:7 NKJV)*

This does not mean God made a mistake.

*Therefore the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. (Romans 7:12 NKJV)*

***The old covenant was not bad; it was incomplete.***

***It's weakness was not in God's law but in man's inability.***

*Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- (Hebrews 8:8 NKJV)*

In Christ, both Jew and Gentile share the blessings of the new covenant by faith.

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*"not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. (Hebrews 8:9 NKJV)*

The new covenant is explicitly said to be not like the old one.

*Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20 NKJV)*

***External commandments can restrain behavior, but only God can rewrite the heart.***

*"For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Hebrews 8:10 NKJV)*

Here we come to one of the greatest promises in all of Scripture.

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do [them]. (Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJV)*

That is the new covenant dynamic.

*But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. (Romans 8:9 NKJV)*

The new covenant moves the struggle from external law to internal transformation by the Spirit.

*And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and be] their God. (Revelation 21:3 NKJV)*

*"None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. (Hebrews 8:11 NKJV)*

Jesus defined eternal life like this:

*"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3 NKJV)*

***The hallmark of the new covenant is not mere religious instruction but real relationship with God through Christ.***

Under the new covenant, believers do not stand near God through ritual; they know God through Christ.

*"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." (Hebrews 8:12 NKJV)*

This is the center of gospel comfort.

*As far as the east is from the west, [So] far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12 NKJV)*

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*"I, [even] I, [am] He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. (Isaiah 43:25 NKJV)*

*He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19 NKJV)*

God's forgiveness in Christ is not probationary; it is covenantal, purchased, and complete.

*In that He says, "A new [covenant]," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. (Hebrews 8:13 NKJV)*

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1 NKJV)*

***To cling to the old covenant after Christ is not faithfulness; it is failure to recognize fulfillment.***

In Him, we have a better covenant, enacted on better promises.