

# Sermon Notes – May 30, 2021

## Review

- ⇒ We spent three Sundays in Hebrews 7 comparing Jesus to the Levitical priesthood and seeing that He is a greater high priest.
- ⇒ Last week, we saw all of chapter 7 leads to the climatic statement in Hebrews 7:25 regarding Jesus' greatness as a high priest. As high priest, Jesus is able to save completely!

## Today's Text: Hebrews 8:1-13

As a better high priest, Jesus is not just a better person serving in the same \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is a better high priest, who has a better \_\_\_\_\_ and who mediates a better \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 8 is a theologically rich passage on the New Covenant. At the same time, the value of this passage isn't its intellectual weight, but the fact that it answers the most important question you will ever have.

## A Better Priest, Ministry & Covenant (1-7)

- ⇒ Verses 1 & 2 are like an exclamation in case you missed it: "We have this better high priest in Jesus!"
- ⇒ Pay attention to verse 5. Everything that preceded Jesus, served as a \_\_\_\_\_ of heavenly things. This reminds us in an age of naturalism that what God ordains has purpose and is backed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ Don't miss this: Everything that came before served to point to Jesus! A common misconception is that the Old Testament was God's first attempt that didn't work out well, so God tried something else. God has always had one \_\_\_\_\_!

## What is this Better Covenant? (8-13)

- ⇒ In Scripture, there are several key mountain peaks in God's redemptive plan: The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12 & 15), The Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19 & Deut. 28), and the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7).
- ⇒ Of these, the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31) replaces the Mosaic Covenant, but this is not God backing out of \_\_\_\_\_, finding a new \_\_\_\_\_, or trying a "\_\_\_\_\_."

- ⇒ The New Covenant doesn't invalidate previous promises, rather it \_\_\_\_\_ on them! Whereas the previous covenant involved laws written on stone, the New Covenant promises laws written on hearts. The New Covenant promises greater access to God, complete forgiveness of sins, and no conditions (Jer. 31:33-37).
- ⇒ God is not changing His affections. The New Covenant is still made with \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:33; Romans 11:11-12, 25-26). The inclusion of the nations was always part of God's plan, but their inclusion is not a replacement for Israel (Gen. 12; Psalm 67; Eph. 3:1-6).

## The Reason for the Former Covenant

- ⇒ In which way was there fault in the first covenant (Hebrews 8:7)? God's Law was not flawed, but the covenant relied on flawed \_\_\_\_\_ to obey it. God's plan wasn't ruined by humans; He knew ahead of time that this combination would not work (Deut. 30).
- ⇒ So why start with the former covenant? The Law revealed our sinfulness (Romans 7) and demonstrated our need for someone greater. Take note: With just your \_\_\_\_\_ and the Law, you can't do this (Romans 3:19-20)!
- ⇒ The former covenant showed us that we don't simply need more rules or more \_\_\_\_\_, we need new hearts (Ezekiel 36:26). God gets all the glory!

## Responding to God's Word

- ⇒ The New Covenant began at the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are some elements not yet realized, but do you see the amazing reality of being under the New Covenant? You are forgiven!
- ⇒ Today's text should lead us to two places: humility & worship. How is it that you came to faith? Who gets the credit?

Next Sunday – June 6, 2021

"The Power of GRACE Through a Clear Conscience"

(Hebrews 9:1-14)

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**Answer Key:** ▪ old role ▪ ministry ▪ covenant ▪ copy and shadow ▪ truth ▪ salvation plan ▪ promises ▪ affection ▪ plan B ▪ improves ▪ Israel ▪ humans ▪ hard heart. ▪ chances ▪