



Jesus Is More

The Book of Hebrews



Why Is Jesus Better? Part II

Hebrews 8:6-12 (NASB)



I. Better Priestly Ministry

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A. Better Priest

¹ Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,



Hebrews 8:1 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
 - A. Better Priest
 - B. Better Ministry

² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.



Hebrews 8:2 (NASB)

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.



Hebrews 8:3 (NASB)

⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;



Hebrews 8:4 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
 - A. Better Priest
 - B. Better Ministry
 - C. Better Sanctuary

⁵ who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."



Hebrews 8:5 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
 - A. Better Priest
 - B. Better Ministry
 - C. Better Sanctuary
 - D. Better Covenant

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.



Hebrews 8:6 (NASB)

¹³ When He said, "A new covenant,"
He has made the first obsolete. But
whatever is becoming obsolete and
growing old is ready to disappear.



Hebrews 8:13 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
- II. Better Promises

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Hebrews 8:6 (NASB)

⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.



Hebrews 8:7 (NASB)

⁸ For finding fault with them, He says,
"BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING,
SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL
EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH
THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH
THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;



Hebrews 8:8 (NASB)

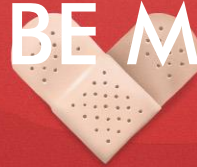
9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I
MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY
WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO
LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF
EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE
IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT
CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.



Hebrews 8:9 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
- II. Better Promises
 - A. Internal Transformation

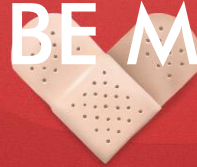
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AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I
WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,
AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR
HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.



Hebrews 8:10 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
- II. Better Promises
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 - B. Relational Intimacy

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Hebrews 8:10 (NASB)

¹¹ "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.



Hebrews 8:11 (NASB)

- I. Better Priestly Ministry
- II. Better Promises
 - A. Internal Transformation
 - B. Relational Intimacy
 - C. Forgiveness that Forgets

12 "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO
THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL
REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."



Hebrews 8:12 (NASB)















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Questions

1. Do you have any vinyl albums, V-8 Tracks, Audio Cassettes, VHS Cassettes, CD's or DVD's still in your house?
What are your favorite ones?
2. What things that are not obsolete do you really miss?
What are some new things that you really like?
3. How is Jesus a better Priest? (See Hebrews 7:26-28 and Hebrews 8:1)
4. Why does Jesus have a better ministry (Hebrews 8:2-4)?
5. Explain why the heavenly sanctuary is better than the earthly Tabernacle in the wilderness or the Temple in Jerusalem (Hebrews 8:2,5).

Questions (continued)

6. What is a covenant in biblical terms? What is the New Covenant? What makes the New Covenant better than the Old Covenant? See A New Covenant = Hebrews 8:13; 9:15; 12:24; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Matthew 26:27-28; Mark 14:23-24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 7:22; 8:6
7. Is the Old Covenant bad or false or is the Old Covenant inferior and obsolete? Please explain using Hebrews 8:13 and other verses from chapter 8.
8. What are the better promises of Hebrews 6:6-12? Why couldn't the Law provide the power to obey but Jesus and the Holy Spirit can?

Questions (continued)

9. How does 1 John 2:20 and 1 John 2:27 tied in with John 14:16-26 relate to Hebrews 8:11?
10. What sins still plague you from your past? How does Jesus' blood and dying 'ONCE' satisfy God's justness and righteousness in being able to forgive you? Why do you still "go fishing" in the sea of sins that God has said stop? See Hebrews 8:12 and Micah 7:18-19
Micah 7:18-19 (NASB) ¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love.
¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

Questions (continued)

11. Pastor Randy closed the sermon with the illustration of many from our church going to Gabon and becoming familiar with that country. A few Gabonese came to our country and we enjoyed them.

The writer of Hebrews is trying to get the Jewish Christians to realize that to go back to Judaism is to forsake the greater and better reality of heaven's experience. Even more than God wanting us to go to heaven someday, He wants us to experience the realities and blessings of heaven this day, in the here and now. Read the following verses and share how these speak of "heaven on earth" now.

Questions (continued)

Luke 17:20-21 (NASB) ²⁰ Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Luke 10:9 ⁹ and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NASB) ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Questions (continued)

Colossians 3:1 (NASB) ¹ Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Ephesians 1:3 (NASB) ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Matthew 5:8 (NASB) ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.