

Hebrews 8:1-13

The better covenant

“Covenant” in the Old Testament (Hailey)

- Three covenants
 - God’s covenant with Abraham
 - Covenant with Moses and Israel
 - Davidic covenant

Note: the “covenants of the promise”, Ephesians 2:12

Important Ideas from Chapter 7

- **Heb 7:12** For the **priesthood being changed**, there is made of necessity a **change also of the law**.

Important Ideas from Chapter 7

- **Heb 7:18** For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness **Heb 7:19** (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God.

Important Ideas from Chapter 7

- **Heb 7:16** who hath been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life:
Heb 7:20 And inasmuch as *it is* not without the taking of an oath
Heb 7:21 (for they indeed have been made priests without an oath; but he with an oath by him that saith of him, *The Lord swear and will not repent himself, Thou art a priest for ever*);
Heb 7:22 by so much also hath Jesus become the surety of a better covenant.

Heb 8:1 Now in the things which we are saying the **chief point** *is this*:

We have such a high priest, who **sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens**, **Heb 8:2** a minister of the sanctuary, and

of the **true tabernacle**, which the **Lord pitched, not man.**

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is necessary that this *high priest* also have **somewhat to offer**.

Heb 8:4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to the law;

Heb 8:5 who serve *that which is* a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned *of God* when he is about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that thou make all things according to the pattern that was showed thee in the mount.*

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent,

by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted upon better promises.

Note on “better promises”

All nations

Covenant of peace, not war

Removes sin

Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them,

he saith, *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;*

Heb 8:9 *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*

Note: “new” in time or “new” in kind

Heb 8:10 *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord;*

I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them:

And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people:

II Corinthians 3:2

Jeremiah 31:32-34

Ephesians 4:17-21

Heb 8:11 *And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:*

For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them.

Not “born in the covenant” then taught,
but taught prior to “in” relationship

Isaiah 54:13

John 6:44-45

Agreement to keep the covenant

Heb 8:12 *For I will be merciful to their iniquities,*

And their sins will I remember no more.

Heb 8:13 In that he saith, *A new covenant*, he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

Note: “everlasting” (age-lasting) vs. “eternal”