

HEBREWS RECAP

- Melchizedek – mysterious figure in OT who helps us understand Jesus' priesthood
- Under Old Covenant
 - Levitical priesthood
 - High priesthood – Aaron's descendants
 - Established by OT Law
- 1000yrs later God established new priesthood in order of Melchizedek with Messiah as high priest
 - Better because
 - Given with an oath
 - Permanent
 - Jesus is a better priest – holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted about the heavens; doesn't need to offer sacrifices day after day for own sins or sins of people, made perfect (completely suited to work of priesthood) forever





HEBREWS 8:1-6

8.1-6: Jesus' priesthood is superior

- V1: Because He is seated at right hand of the Father
 - Old Covenant priests did not sit down – always working
 - Morning/evening sacrifices
 - Sabbath sacrifices
 - New moon sacrifices
 - Sacrifices during major religious festivals
 - Day of Atonement
 - Jesus – one sacrifice (Himself) one time (on the Cross); it is finished





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- *V2-5*: Because He ministered in true sanctuary built by God and not copy/shadow built by humans





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- V6: Because the covenant of which He is mediator is superior to the Old Covenant
 - v13: which is obsolete and disappearing





HEBREWS 8:7-13

8.7-13: New Covenant is superior to Old Covenant

- V7-9: Because something is wrong with the Old Covenant
 - It doesn't deal with the heart – true source of our problem
 - God found fault with the people – because they weren't faithful; didn't honor the commitments they made to the Lord (didn't keep the law)



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- V7-9: Because something is wrong with the Old Covenant
 - This will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors - why would God make covenant that didn't address the problem?
 - Progressive revelation – God discloses more of Himself and more of what He wants from His people over time culminating in Jesus (anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father)
 - Old Covenant was appropriate for its stage of revelation
 - Preparatory - Gal 3.24: So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.
 - Guardian – slave employed to keep charge over boys age 6-16; monitoring behavior and watching over them both at home and away from home





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- Because it is founded on better promises
 - V10: I will put My law in their minds and write them on their hearts
 - More than memorization – Pharisees did this
 - Internalization – law is planted in our hearts, shapes us, and bears fruit
 - Condition of heart is key





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 - V11: No longer will they teach their neighbor or say to one another, ‘know the Lord,’ because they will all know Me from the least to the greatest
 - God will teach His people (Isa 54.13, John 6.45)
 - Put His law on our minds/write it on our hearts
 - Holy Spirit guides us into all truth
 - Content of that teaching – knowing God; relational vs intellectual





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 - V12: For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more
 - Forgave under Old Covenant – like taking a bath; externally clean; guilt remained
 - Forgives under New Covenant – like receiving a heart transplant; internally made new; guilt removed





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Father thank You for establishing a new and better covenant with us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We are grateful that You have put Your laws in our minds and written them on hearts.

Forgive us for the times we have not loved You with our heart, soul, mind, and strength or loved our neighbors as You have loved us.

Confess any known sins

Father, we thank You for forgiving us of our wickedness and for not remembering our sins anymore.

As we take this communion would You remind us, Holy Spirit, that our sins have been removed from us as far as the east is from the west and would You also remind us of the access we have to the Father through Jesus.

Stir a greater hunger in us for His presence. Amen.

