

- **God's desire** – I will be your God, and you will be My people
- **Covenant** – terms of relationship between God and humanity; what it means for Him to be our God and us to be His people

	Old Covenant	New Covenant
Established with	Israel	Church – followers of Jesus
Established through	Moses; sacrifice of animals	Jesus; His death and resurrection
Priests	Levites	Church
High Priest	Aaron; his descendants	Jesus (order of Melchizedek)
Location	Tabernacle; Temple	Our hearts and heaven
Deals with	Sins as behavior; external cleansing	Sin as condition of heart; internal cleansing
Duration	Temporary – until time of Jesus	Eternal





HEBREWS

9:15-28

For this reason Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant - that all who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance

- For this reason – because Jesus has been named a high priest in order of Melchizedek
- Mediator – one who represents people to God and God to people
 - Represents to people to God – makes offerings on behalf of people; intercedes
 - Represents God to people – tells people what God is saying to them
- Eternal inheritance – salvation; He will be our God and we will be His people





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- Died as a ransom to set them free = whose death redeems them
- Redemption – liberation from an oppressive situation



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Sin oppresses us by:

- Separating us from God
 - violation of covenant; we aren't acting as God's people; we are saying 'You are not my God' (Rom 3.23)
 - Jesus' death reconciles us to God (Col 1.20, Rom 5.10)
- Enslaving us to itself –
 - everyone who sins is a slave to sin (John 8.34)
 - Jesus set us free from sin (Eph 1.7)
- Staining our conscience –
 - Sins are like scarlet (Isa 1.18)
 - blood of Jesus purifies us from sin (1John 1.7)





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- *Diatheke* – translated either ‘covenant’ or ‘will/testament’





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Rev 20.11-15: Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

