

sermon notes

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February 26, 2023 | “The New Covenant” | **Hebrews 8:1-13**

- 1) The new covenant is _____ by a better high priest (8:1-2)
- 2) The new covenant is _____ in a better place (8:3-5)
- 3) The new covenant is _____ with better promises (8:6-12)
- 4) The new covenant is _____ for a better timeframe (8:13)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 8:1-13. In 8:1-2, the author reviews some key themes he has addressed already in this book. Summarize his teaching thus far on the following: 1) Jesus, the better high priest, 2) Jesus, seated at the right hand of God interceding for believers, 3) Jesus offers up a better sacrifice, etc.

How did the OT priesthood function as a “copy and shadow of the heavenly things” (8:5)? The author of Hebrews says, “if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second” (8:7). What was the first covenant? How was the first covenant faulty?

List all the promises in Jeremiah 31:31-34. How is the new covenant better than the old? When was Jeremiah written? When were these promises given and when were they fulfilled in Christ? How does the new covenant deal with our sin problem permanently?

GET PERSONAL

What are the benefits of living under the new covenant? How has God written his laws on your heart (8:10)? Consider what God says in 8:12: “For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” How does God feel about your sin? Is God unwilling to forgive anything you have done? How should this impact the way that you live your life moving forward?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

When you conceptualize Jesus, do you envision him as a man crucified on a cross? Or a baby in a manger? What is Jesus doing right now according to Hebrews 8:1-13? How should this impact our prayer life? How does this give us assurance of salvation? How does this change the way that we live our lives and anticipate our future life after death?

When we take communion at church, we are celebrating what Jesus called “the new covenant in my blood” (see Matt 26:26-29 [also Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:18-20]; 1 Cor. 11:23-25). When you take communion, are you cognizant of this new covenant? Why was Jesus’s blood essential to this new covenant? How might you better understand and appreciate what Jesus has done for you when you take communion at church?

ADVANCED QUESTION

The author of Hebrews mentions Christ sitting down at the right hand of God the Father five times (1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2). What is the significance of Jesus being seated? Did the high priests in the OT ever sit down? When Stephen sees Jesus at the right hand of God the Father, he is standing (Acts 7:54-56). Why is Jesus standing in that moment instead of sitting?