



## Jesus and His Better Covenant • Part 1

Lesson Twenty-Six • Hebrews 8:6-13

### HOLD FAST OUR CONFESSION with CONFIDENCE! • Hebrews 4:14–10:18

Ch 7:1–10:18 | Don't Settle for LESSER When You ALREADY Have BETTER in JESUS' Eternal, Perfecting Priesthood:  
*The Perfected Son Is Seated & Serving as Our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary with a Better Ministry!*

**BETTER MEDIATOR**  
Like Melchizedek

7:1-28

**BETTER MINISTRY**  
in Heaven

8:1-6

**BETTER COVENANT**  
with Better Promises

8:7-13

**BETTER SANCTUARY**  
Not Made by Man

9:1-10

**BETTER SACRIFICE**  
Himself Once for All

9:11-28

**BETTER PERFECTION**  
by Christ's Sacrifice

10:1-18

*ENTERS* the Holy of Holies to **SIT & SERVE** as a **SON** Made Perfect Forever to be a **PRIEST KING** with a Better Ministry *according to* a Better Covenant *in* a Better Sanctuary *by* a Better Sacrifice *for* a Better Perfection!

**Question:** Why does the pastor-teacher *begin* with the *better* **COVENANT**? Hebrews 7:12, 22; Isaiah 42:7; 49:8

#### Old Is Not Always Better!

When the “old” is no longer functioning and has become obsolete, then it's time to **HOLD FAST** to the “new” and don't look back!

#### What Is Covenant? A Bond in Blood!

A bond (*relational commitment with responsibilities*) in blood (*life and death consequences*) between two parties that is sovereignly initiated, especially with an oath and blood sacrifices after the Fall.

#### What Are the Biblical Covenants?

**God's Creation Plan** (Gen 1:26-28; 2:7-25) and **God's Redemption Promise** (Gen 3:15) are fulfilled through the **Noahic Covenant** (Gen 8:15–9:17), the **Abrahamic Covenant** (Gen 12; 15; 17; 22), the **Mosaic Covenant** (Ex 19–24), the **Davidic Covenant** (2 Sam 7:1-17), and ultimately the superiority of the **New Covenant** (Jer 31:31-34) in and through the better ministry of **Jesus, the exalted Priest-King**, who is both the **divine Son of God** and the **human Son of Adam, Abraham, Judah, and David!**

#### Why Is the New Covenant Better than the Old?

##### 1. The Old Covenant Was Good but **FAULTY**. (8:7-8a)

###### Why Was the Old Covenant Law Good and Even Gracious?

- **RESTRAINS** sinfulness. (Galatians 3:24; 1 Timothy 1:9-10)
- **REVEALS** the depravity and inability of the human heart. (Romans 3:20)
- **REFLECTS** the need for Christ to fulfill what the Law pointed to and pictured. (Hebrews 8:5; Matthew 5:17-18)
- **REMINDER** of who God always is and what He always requires of His people: *Be holy for I am holy by grace through faith in My promised Son.* (1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Book of Hebrews)

###### Why Was the Old Covenant Law Faulty?

- The external Law written on stone **CANNOT** perfect anyone or anything internally or eternally. (7:9)
  1. **LOGICAL** faultiness. (8:7; 2 Cor 3:7-9)
  2. **QUALITY** faultiness. (8:6, 8, 10-12; 2 Cor 3:10)
  3. **TEMPORAL** faultiness. (8:5, 7, 8, 10, 13; 2 Cor 3:11)

- The hearts of sinners remained totally depraved and **UNABLE** to obey without internal transformation. (vv. 8a, 9b)

## 2. The New Covenant Has Better **PROMISES**. (8:9-12)

### Four Better Promises

- I will **COMPLETE** a New Covenant for rebel sinners! (vv. 8, 10a)

#### Observations

1. God's grace alone:
2. Restoring Israel as a Nation
3. Unconditional Covenant

- I will **WRITE** My laws on hearts by My Spirit! (v. 10b; Ezekiel 36:26-27)

- I will **BE** their God and they will be My people personally and eternally! (vv. 10b-11; Galatians 3:28)

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

- I will **REMEMBER** their sins no more. PERIOD! (v. 12; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

#### Observations

1. This receives the **DOUBLE** "*I WILL*" like completing the covenant did.
2. Impossible without the once for all **SACRIFICE** of our *Priest-King* as our *Sinless Substitute* and *Sufficient Sacrifice*!

*As our sinless sacrifice* He is the **GUARANTEE** of this better covenant! (7:22, 27)

*As our eternal high priest* He is the **MEDIATOR** of this better covenant! (8:6)

**When Was This Accomplished?** *Matthew 26:26-29; John 19:30*

**How Do We Remember God Doesn't Remember Our Sins?** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Next Week: Two More Reasons Why the New Covenant Is Better than the Old!**