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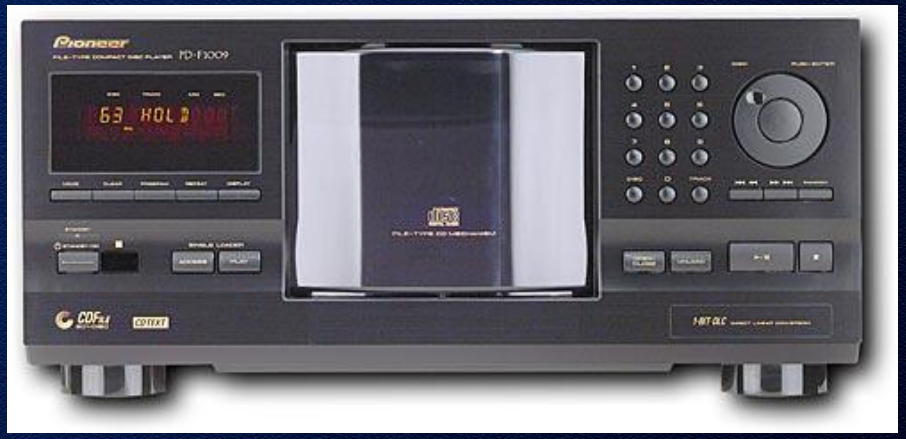



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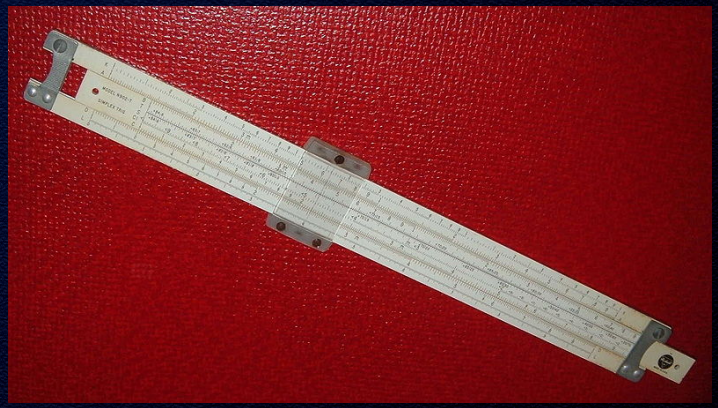

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Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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Jesus Brings a New & Better Covenant

Hebrews 8

I. Jesus ministers in a better place vs 1-5

II. Jesus makes better promises vs 6-13

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I. Jesus ministers in a better place. Heb. 8:1-5

A. He is a better priest. 8:1 “The main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest”

Why is He a better priest?

- Chap. 1 He is fully God
- Chap. 2 He is fully man
- Chap. 3 He is faithful
- Chap. 4 He is merciful
- Chap. 5 He is obedient
- Chap. 6 He is our sure & steadfast hope
- Chap. 7 He is eternal & holy.

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B. He is seated & enthroned in heaven. 8:1b
He "has taken His seat at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens"

C. He ministers in the true sanctuary, which the Lord pitched, not man. 8:2

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I. Jesus ministers in a better place. Heb. 8:1-5

D. He offered the ultimate sacrifice. 8:3

E. He was rejected on earth as a priest. 8:4

F. He is what the earthly tabernacle symbolized. 8:5

* Why cling to a copy when you have the real thing?

Colossians 2:16,17

II. Jesus mediates a better covenant, based on better promises 8:6-13

8:6 “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

What is a covenant?

Webster: “A covenant is a binding and solemn agreement made by two or more individuals, parties to do or keep from doing a specified thing. A compact”

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A. Why is Jesus the mediator of a better covenant? 8:6

1. He offered Himself as the perfect, complete sacrifice for sin.

2. The New Covenant is enacted on better promises.

1Tim. 2:5,6 “For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *borne* at the proper time.”

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B. Why the New Covenant? 8:7-9

1. The Old Covenant was not sufficient 8:7

2. The New Covenant was promised by God 8:8

3. Israel could not keep the Old Covenant,
   (and neither could we!) 8:9

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C. What is the New Covenant?

The Old & New Covenants Compared

Old	New
• Shadow, a copy	• True tabernacle
• Man pitched	• God pitched
• On earth	• In heaven
• Blood of animals	• Blood of Christ
• External	• Internal
• Temporary cleansing	• Eternal redemption
• Cleansed flesh	• Cleansed conscience
• Year after year	• Once for all
• Reminder of sin	• Removal of sin
• Distanced from God	• Draw near to God
• For Israel	• For all men

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C. What is the New Covenant? 8:10-13

1. It is initiated by God.

2. It is internal, transforming our hearts. 8:10a, Ezekiel 36:26,27

3. It brings an intimate relationship with God. 8:10b

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C. What is the New Covenant? 8:10-13

4. It will result in universal knowledge of God. 8:11





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5. It promises that God will not hold our sins against us. 8:12

6. It means the Old Covenant is obsolete. 8:13

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If God were to ask you, “why should I let you into My heaven?”
What would you say?

- I try to keep the 10 commandments
- I go to church
- I give to charity
- I was baptized
- I try to good to others

Old Covenant shadows

I’ve trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my only hope for heaven.
“For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works that no one should boast.” Eph. 2:8,9
New Covenant assurance

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