

# Lessons From Hebrews

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## A Greater Law

(He 8:6-7)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of "Lessons From Hebrews."
  - a. Keep in mind who the Hebrew writer was writing to.
    - i. The struggling Christians that had come from Judaism.
  - b. Thus the writer makes a plea the how much greater Christ is than the Old Law.
    - i. Greater than the angels.
    - ii. Greater than Moses.
    - iii. Greater than the Levitical priesthood.
  - c. Today we will notice how Christ is High Priest over "A Greater Law."
3. With that in mind let us examine this most important truth.

### I. With A New High Priest Comes A New Law (8)

- A. There is a new High Priest in town (Jesus the Christ)
  1. He could not be a priest let alone a High Priest under the Old Law.
    - i. **He 7:14** "For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests."<sup>1</sup>
    - ii. **He 8:4** "Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law."
  2. He is however a High Priest over the church.
    - i. **He 8:1-2** "Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man."
- B. With the new High Priest by necessity comes a New Law
  1. If Jesus cannot be a priest on earth...which He can't.
    - i. **He 7:14**
  2. If Jesus cannot be a High Priest on earth...which He can't.
    - i. **He 7:11**
  3. If Jesus is a High Priest then...which He is.
    - i. **He 8:1-2**
  4. Then there must, by simple logic, be a New Law by which Jesus is High Priest of.
    - i. **He 8:6** "But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises."

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- C. This was prophesied about long ago as well
  - 1. **He 8:8-12 – Je 31:31-34**

### II. The New Law Is Greater Than The Old (9)

- A. The Old Law explained
  - 1. He points out that under the Old Law there were two rooms in the tabernacle.
    - i. The "Holy Place."
      - a. Lampstand, the table, the bread of the Presence, and a curtain that separated it from the second room which was covered by cherubims
    - ii. The "Most Holy Place."
      - a. The golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant
  - 2. These rooms and thus the Old Law had a purpose but it was not perfect ie it could not remove the sins of the people.
    - i. In the Holy Place, "food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body" were done.
      - a. **He 9:10**
    - ii. In the Most Holy Place, "the high priest goes...taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people."
      - a. **He 9:7**
    - iii. None of these could make "him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience."
      - a. **He 9:9**
- B. The New Law touted
  - 1. Christ our High Priest is the reason the New Law is better.
    - i. He first made sacrifices in a "greater and more perfect tent."
      - a. **He 9:11**
    - ii. He second entered the holy places "by means of his own blood."
      - a. **He 9:12a**
    - iii. He third by doing such "obtained eternal redemption."
      - a. **He 9:12b**
  - 2. The New Law is better because it...
    - i. Had a onetime sacrifice (Jesus).
    - ii. Secured an eternal redemption.
    - iii. Purified our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### III. The Greater Law Encourages & Exhorts (10)

- A. It gives us a confidence
  - 1. We can "enter the holy places"
    - i. **He 10:19**
      - a. **Mt 27:51** "And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split."
  - 2. We can "draw near to God"
    - i. **He 10:20**
      - a. We are not "lost in sin" now.

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- B. It gives us a constant reminder
1. That our hearts have been sprinkled clean from an evil consciences (repentance).
    - i. **He 10:22**
      - a. **Ac 3:19** "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (NKJV)
  2. That are bodies were washed with pure water.
    - i. **He 10:22**
      - a. **Ro 6:3-5** "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."
- C. It gives us the opportunity to stir up one another
1. To love and good works.
    - i. **He 10:24**
  2. To not neglect the assembly.
    - i. **He 10:25**

### CONCLUSION

- 1.
- 2.
3. Invitation
  - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
    - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**