

Hebrews VI

Chapter 8 : V1: Such a High Priest- the ultimate; no other like Him; no other high priest like this in every aspect. Sits in Heaven at the Right Hand of the Father; the Throne. This is where He mediates from. The ultimate Mediator. Was given all authority in heaven and earth.

V2: ministers in the True Tabernacle which the Lord made (pitched) and not man. The Tent and Temple were copies of the Heavenly. The True Holy of Holies.

V 3: Priests offered sacrifices and gifts from the people to God. Blood sacrifices, incense. So Christ also had to offer something. Offers Himself as the Sacrifice. His righteousness and merits are like the incense. He is also the Priest. Offered to His Divine Nature as God. For all of humanity once for all.

V 4-5-6: Jesus could not have been a priest on earth. The Levitical priesthood was a copy of the heavenly thing. Given to Moses in Law. But now He has a more excellent ministry and a better covenant.

Better because it is based on Grace. Promises of eternal life-better promises. Promises of mercy.

V7-8: first Covenant was not perfect. Bondage, taskmaster; Law. Cannot be kept by humans. Humans cannot be holy with laws and rituals.

V 9-12 : **Jer 31: 31-34** New Covenant. This was a prophecy of the New Covenant. Messianic Age. Different type of covenant- indwelling Presence and not laws that are imposed. People were punished and disregarded when they violated laws. Always rejected God's guidance.

Written on their hearts. Not written on stone and imposed on them. Internal. Relationship. The perfect Covenant. I will be their God and they shall be My people. Compares to Laws given to Moses and the people. Now will be a **relationship**. Maintained by Grace.

He makes it possible.

Know the Lord- means on ongoing knowledge. Spirit will be poured out much more and more powerfully than in the Old Covenant.

Sins will be forgiven and not remembered. He gives mercy for His own sake. Applies to all sins. Pardon is so complete that He does not “remember them.” Keeps the relationship intact compared to the Old Covenant.

These are radical changes.

The Old Covenant is now obsolete. No more sacrifices are needed.

Chapter 9: Describes the setup of the Tent with sanctuary and Holy of Holies. Activities and rituals of the priests.

Washings and blood could not really **purify** the priests or the people; they could not be transformed. Still under dominance of sin. They were symbols and prefigured the Sacrifice of Christ. “Until the time of the new order.”

V11-12-13-14: All the fulfillment of OT depended on the Work of Christ. The Tabernacle foreshadowed that not made by human hands. Refers to His Glorified Body as well as the Heavenly Tabernacle. Entered the Eternal Tabernacle with His own Blood, “once for all” to obtain eternal redemption. Levitical high priest had to enter once a year with the blood.

For **his** sins and for the sins of the people.

Jesus did not have sin; no blemishes. So He was the perfect Sacrifice. Trinitarian in nature. He was Priest and Sacrifice. He was the altar. Through the Spirit, to the Father.

No more dead works; all is done through indwelling of the Spirit.

V15; **He** is the **Mediator** of the New Covenant. Covers the transgressions of the OT also. Greek word for covenant also means “will and testament.”

For a testament to be in effect, there has to have been a death.

First covenant was sealed in blood. Moses purified the vessel and blessed the people by sprinkling blood. All was purified by blood.

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

Earthly things were a copy of the heavenly. A better sacrifice was needed.

V24: Christ enters Heaven. Intercedes on our behalf with the Father-ongoing and eternal. High Priest in Heaven, not in an earthly sanctuary which is a copy of heaven.

Mediator: I Tim 2:5.

Sacrifice only needed to be offered **once**. High priest had to do it every year. Levitical priest had to do it with the blood of animals. Jesus did it with His own Blood! His Blood has infinite value. So does not need to be done over and over.

He has appeared at the end of the age to put away sin. His Blood produced dominion over sin. Animal sacrifices could not do that. He destroyed the work of the Devil.