



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 8:1-13 (NAS)

Topic: "A Better Covenant"

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- 1 Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
- 2 a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.
- 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.
- 4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;
- 5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."
- 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.
- 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.
- 8 For finding fault with them, He says, "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;
- 9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.
- 10 "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
- 11 "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.
- 12 "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."
- 13 When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

I. FAILURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BLESSINGS OF THE COVENANT

- A. Harboring Guilt *Jeremiah 31:34*
- B. Sense Of Alienation From God *Hebrews 13:5*
- C. Pressures Of Legalistic Demands

II. JESUS, OUR BETTER HIGH PRIEST

- A. Permanently Seated In The Heavens
- B. A Better Tabernacle
- C. A Better Sacrifice *John 19:30; Hebrews 7:27*

APPLICATION:

1. He serves us
2. Focusing on what is real *Colossians 3:1*

III. FLAWS OF THE FIRST COVENANT *Romans 8:3*

- A. The Law Was Perfect, Men's Ability To Keep It Was Not
- B. The Law Brought Bondage Not Freedom
- C. The Law Was External
- D. The Law Could Not Provide Forgiveness
- E. The Law Placed Worshippers At A Distance From God

IV. THE NEW COVENANT

- A. Places The Law In The Heart
- B. Provides Gifts Of Spiritual Enablement
- C. Provides A Personal Relationship With God
- D. Effects Complete Forgiveness

APPLICATION:

1. Do you have this forgiveness?
2. Do you have this personal relationship with God?
3. Is God's law in your heart?