



## 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?