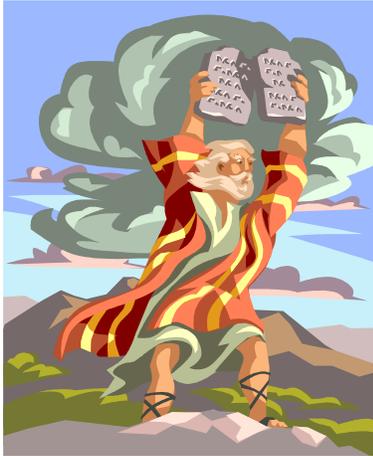


The Superiority of Our High Priest

Hebrews 8:1-13



Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. ⁴ For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “*See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.*” ⁶ But now

He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸ Because finding fault with them, He says: “*Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—* ⁹ *not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded 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 in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.* ¹¹ *None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.* ¹² *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*

¹³ In that He says, “*A new covenant,*” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

1. In what three ways do chapter 8 verses 1-2 teach us about the superiority of Christ’s priesthood?

2. In what sanctuaries did the earthly priests serve?

3. In what sanctuary does Christ minister?

4. How does this make his priesthood superior and different?

5. According to verse 6, in what three ways is Christ ministry superior?

6. According to verse 7-8, why is the second covenant necessary?

7. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34? How is the new covenant superior to the old?

8. Read 1 John 2:27. How is that it will not be necessary for anyone to be taught?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is the new covenant?
