

# The Superiority of Our High Priest

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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,<sup>2</sup> a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

<sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>5</sup> 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.*”<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. <sup>8</sup> 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—<sup>9</sup> 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.*” <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> *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.* <sup>12</sup> *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*

<sup>13</sup> 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?

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2. In what sanctuaries did the earthly priests serve?

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3. In the sanctuary does Christ minister?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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