

- **A Superior High Priest**

Heb 8:1 ¶ 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,

- The tabernacle and the temple of the Old Covenant had beautiful furnishings, but no place for the priests to sit down because their work was never finished. The work of Jesus is finished – He is seated in heaven.

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

- **Ministered in a better Place**

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.

- **Heb 9:14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered Himself** without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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;

- The Temple and it's sacrificial system were still very much in place at the writing of Hebrews.
- **Heb 7:14-16** For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

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." (*Ex 25:40*)

- **Ex 25:8,9** "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

- **Founded on Better Promises**

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.

- Jesus is our Mediator for this greater covenant. Mediator in the ancient Greek, means "one who stands in the middle between two people and brings them together." (Barclay)

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

- **Isa 42:6** "I, the LORD, have called You (*Jesus*) in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,
- **Ga 3:28,29** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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.

- Disregarded them; Did God abandoned them?, no, but gave them blindness because of their unbelief.
- **Ro 11:25-29** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." 28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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." (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*)

- Notice all the **I will and all shall**, under the New Covenant!
- This promise to Israel will be fulfilled during the millennial reign of Christ
- This promise is realized today in the believer for the Holy Spirit is the one who sanctifies. The law was the sanctifying agent then but it could never save you nor really change you.
- **Ro 7:24,25** O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!...
- Grace as we are now under with the new covenant creates within us a want to and not a have to. The law was a have to, but again, now under Grace it's a want to.

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.

- **Eph 2:8,9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.