

Themes in Hebrews

The New Covenant

I. The Main Point - Heb 8:1-2

The true High Priest of the true tabernacle has come.

II. A Better Covenant - Heb 8

- Heb 7:22 - This makes Jesus the guarantor of a **better covenant**.
- Heb 8:6 - But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the **covenant** he mediates **is better**, since it is enacted on better promises.
- Heb 8:7 - For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.
- Heb 8:8-9 - For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
- Heb 8:13 - In speaking of a **new covenant**, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

III. What is a Covenant?

A. A covenant is not a contract

- A contract is a business agreement
- It is impersonal

B. A covenant is about relationship

A covenant formalizes a **relationship** between two parties, and it does so in terms of promises, conditions, and signs.

- *Covenant Dynamics*, Guy Prentiss Waters, TableTalk, 10/2020

- Example: [Providence Church Covenant](#)
- Example: God's covenant with Abram - Gen 15
 - Parties
 - Promises
 - Conditions
 - Signs

IV. The Old and the New - Heb 8:7-13

- The Old
 - National Israel, v9
 - External, v9
 - Worked by Man, v8-9
 - Must Be Taught to Know God, v11a
 - National Redemption, v9
- The New
 - Spiritual Israel, v10
 - Internal, v10
 - Worked by God, v10
 - All Know God, v11b
 - Personal Redemption, v12

V. The Shadow and the Substance - Heb 8:14-10:18

The old covenant was .

A. Shadow

- Earthly Tabernacle - Heb 8:5, 9:1-5
- Made By Men - Heb 8:5, 9:2,24
- Weak High Priests - Heb 7:28
- Continual Sacrifice - Heb 9:6-7,25, 10:1,3,11
- Restricted Access - Heb 9:8
- Symbolic - Heb 9:9
- Cannot Cleanse the Conscience - Heb 9:9, 10:2
- External - Heb 9:10
- Temporary - Heb 10:9
- Never Takes Away Sin - Heb 10:1,4

B. Substance

- Heavenly Throne Room - Heb 9:11-12,24
- Made By God - Heb 9:11,24
- Perfect High Priest - Heb 7:28
- Once For All Sacrifice - Heb 9:12,26, 10:10,12,14
- Open Access - Heb 10:19-20
- True - Heb 9:24
- Cleanses the Conscience - Heb 9:14, 10:22
- Internal - Heb 10:16
- Eternal - Heb 9:15 - Heb 10:9
- Sins Remembered No More - Heb 8:12

C. Jesus' Work Applies to Both Old and New Covenant Saints - Heb 9:15, 10:4

Heb 9:15 ESV - Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that **those who are called** may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions **committed under the first covenant**.

VI. The New is For You - Heb 10:19-25

A. Since **We** Have ...

- Confidence - Heb 10:19
- Access - Heb 10:19-20
- A High Priest - Heb 10:21

B. Let **Us** ...

- Draw Near - Heb 10:22
- Have Sincere Hearts - Heb 10:22
- Have Full Assurance - Heb 10:22
- With Clean Hearts - Heb 10:22
- Hold Fast - Heb 10:23
- Stimulate Love and Good Deeds - Heb 10:24
- Continue Gathering - Heb 10:25
- Encourage One Another - Heb 10:25