



Hebrews

The Supremacy of Jesus

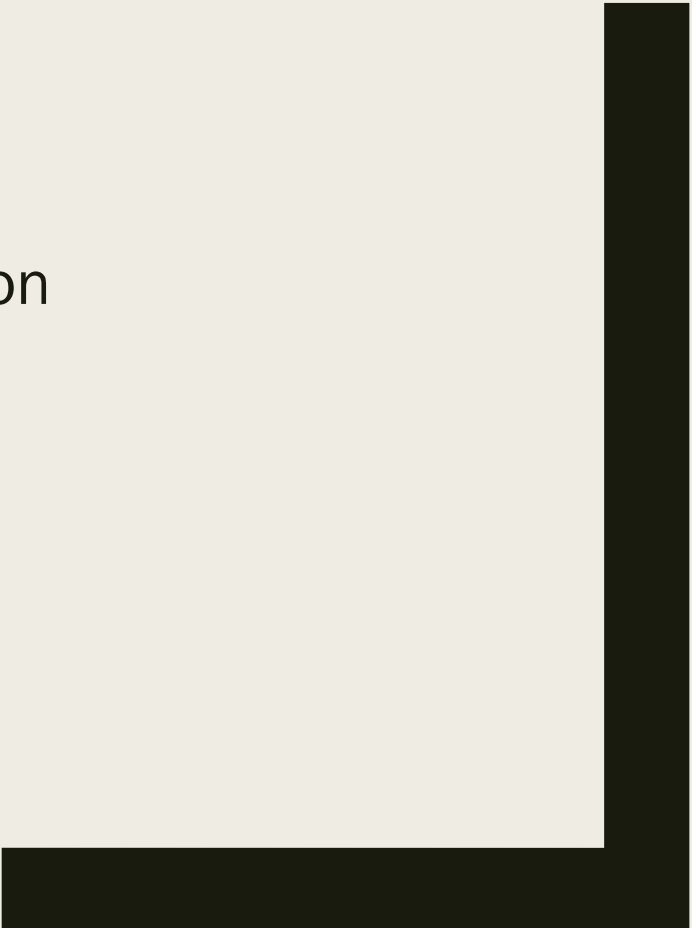
Jesus: Greater Than Jewish Religion

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The New Priestly Service

Hebrews 8:1-2

8 *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.*

- *Position – Seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.*
- *Power – His seat is one of omnipotence (the right hand does the work of the Majesty).*
- *Permanent – The fact that He is seated means that His work is complete, and His place is permanent.*

Mediator of a Better Covenant

Hebrews 8:10-13

8 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 this He says, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.'

How The New Covenant Is Better

Hebrews 8:10

The New Covenant is the promise that God makes with humanity that He will forgive their sin and restore fellowship with those whose hearts are turned toward Him through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus has become the Mediator of the New Covenant and His death on the cross is the basis of the promise. His ultimate goal is to prepare the redeemed to become citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

The Character of The New Covenant

- The New Covenant is written on the heart.
The transforming power of the Holy Spirit.
- The New Covenant makes it possible for us to become God's possession.
The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The New Covenant makes it possible for us to know God personally.
Personal relationship through regeneration.
- The New Covenant is enacted to permanently forgive all our sins.
Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

The New Relationship With God

- In the New Covenant Jesus makes religious rituals ineffective
- He reveals the One True God who comes to live for a time, among His human creation
- He reveals that it is unnecessary to look for God in a certain sacred place (the Temple)
- He takes away the need for rituals and certain practices to appease God (statues, ordinances, laws)
- He fulfills and does away with a written moral code
- He is the King of heaven who gives power to those He has redeemed to become citizens of the kingdom.

Under The New Covenant

- The blood sacrifices ceased because Christ fulfilled all that they were pointing toward. He was the final, unrepeatable sacrifice for sins.
- The priesthood that stood between worshiper and God has ceased.
- The physical temple has ceased to be the geographic center of worship. Now, Christ himself is the center of worship. He is the “place,” the “tent,” and the “temple” where we meet God.
- The food laws that set Israel apart from the nations have been fulfilled and ended in Christ.
- The offer of relationship with God is offered to all nations.