

April 13, 2025
HEBREWS 8:1-13
“Better Covenant, Better Promises, A New Covenant”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The sacrifice of Jesus established the New Covenant. This fact spells out the end of the Mosaic system. When a Jew understood this change it left no place for the old system. Beforehand they had always seen their relationship between God and the nation in terms of covenant. It was radical for them to do away with and replace the old system with a new covenant. This is exactly what God is requiring them to do.

The New Covenant was prophesied by **Jeremiah 31:31-34**, which was written about 600 B. C.

“The fulfillment of the New Covenant will be seen in two places: on earth during the Millennial Kingdom and in heaven for all eternity.” *Paul Enns*

The better promises include:

- (1) An inclination to obey instead of disobey as they had done before.
- (2) A solid, firm relationship with God, “I will be their God and they will be My people.”
- (3) There will be a knowledge of God.
- (4) I will forgive their sins and I will not remember them anymore. Christians of today stand under these promises.

There were divinely appointed earthly priests and Jesus has no place among them, He was not a Levite for example. Jesus performed no priestly duties in the earthly sanctuary. Not on earth means somewhere else Jesus is performing His Priestly functions, in the true sanctuary in heaven!

The ministry of Jesus is superior, He is the Mediator of a better covenant, see **I Timothy 2:5**. Jesus mediates between men and God. Jesus is the One who established this new/better covenant. All covenants are based on promises. Men break promises, God does not.

There will be forgiveness of sins. The sacrifice of the Lamb of God removes the wrath of God on the backs of men, Jesus paid it all.

Jesus as High Priest is: superior to Aaron, He works in a better sanctuary, He offers a better sacrifice, He is mediator of a better covenant, His work rests on better promises, hence He has obtained a better ministry as a whole, and He has sat down.

Application:

Levitical priests never sat down, there were no seats available because their job was not could not ever be completed, not so with Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross His last words were, it is finished. He accomplished in one act what generations of priests who had come before never did; He accomplished the forgiveness of sins and reconciled man to God, for all

who believe in Him. One day believers will be invited to take a seat with Jesus on the throne, see [Revelation 3:21](#). Be sure your seat is reserved!