

Hebrews for Dummies

Hebrews 8.1-13

Last Sunday Great time w/ Pre-Teens > Hebrews 7

STRANGE Melchizedek – No mother, father...? Was he as ALIEN?

100's Books/Sermons about MEL. some Crazy SPECULATION

Ch 8 > Writer calls us BACK to the MAIN POINT...

Follows K.I.S.S. Principle Keep it SIMPLE....SAINTS!

Like Popular Book series for DUMMIES, Computers, Driving, Wine..

Wants get POINT Clear for ALL...

Now the point in what we are saying is this: Hebrews 8.1

Already TOLD Jesus is Great High Priest > HOW He does His Work

THEME for the Next 2 ½ Chapters...

Jesus our Great High Priest	
Better Covenant	Chapter 8
Better Sanctuary	Chapter 9
Better Sacrifice	Chapter 10

1. Better Priest: *Salvation*

v. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

Perhaps some CONFUSED about these 2 Orders of PRIESTHOOD

When I served ICF Almaty, KZ – Africans came to Play FOOTBALL

PAID to Play for some Professional Teams in Kazakhstan

Conditions DIFFICULT, Weather FREEZING, Salary LOW

REAL REASON came KZ CLOSER to EUROPE > European League

Several GUYS hired by European Clubs, NEVER looked Back KZ

Comparing PRIESTHOODS of Aaron and Melchizedek

One ETERNAL & EFFECTIVE other TEMPORARY, IMPERFECT

Only PRIEST like Melchizedek can DELIVER ETERNAL SALVATION

a. Qualified v. 1a we have such a high priest,

For it was indeed fitting that we should have *such a high priest*, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7.26

PRIEST had NO SIN to CONFESS – Never VIOLATES Law of MOSES

Priest is GREAT Physician Raised Young Man from DEAD in Village of NAIN

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” Luke 7.16

When HE taught with Authority He challenged RELIGIOUS Leaders

Jesus: “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?” John 8.46

b. Glorified

v. 1b one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven

Again Writer draws from DEEP WELL of Psalm 110 – Mysteries of GODHEAD

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool...The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.” Psalm 110.1,5

Chapter 1 we LEARNED Jesus our PRIEST is NOW SEATED

Just as MOTHER is still a MOTHER >> Years after Giving Birth

So our PRIEST remains in Office Millennia after His LIFE-GIVING Sacrifice

Now GEM Sparkles even more BRIGHTLY in this NEW Background

Aaron's Priests constantly STOOD God's Presence > Work Never Done

Jesus has WELL AND TRULY DONE WORK of Salvation > Sits DOWN

HE enters SABBATH Rest > Has Finished a New Creation thru CROSS

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4.14

Hee that confesses not all Christ, confesses no Christ. John Donne

2. Better Place: *Sanctuary*

a. Requirement MAIN Duty of High Priest ascribed to Our GREAT High Priest

v. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. Hebrews 5.1

ONLY time in N.T. word NECESSARY is used in Ref to JESUS

Used in Ref to Necessary work given by God to ANY High Priest

HOW MUCH MORE ref to Jesus our GREAT High Priest

Necessary to OFFER Himself FOR the Sins of His PEOPLE

you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times 1 Peter 1.18-20

b. Replica

v. 5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.
Exodus 25.40

PERHAPS Moses – Like John in the Revelation – APOCALYPSE of GLORY
VISION of HEAVENLY Tabernacle – Supervise building of Earthly One?

the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities
Hebrews 10.1

ROMANS Armies forever Destroyed JEWISH Temple in 70 AD

Movement from LESSER to GREATER – Just a COPY, Mere SHADOW

DVD was only 5 kwai – Movie Great – Gets Stuck in Middle – Just Bad Copy

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.
Colossians 2.17

c. Reality

v. 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Jesus is MINISTER/Servant > Still ON DUTY in TRUE TENT

“I am the true vine” John 15.1

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel Isaiah 5.7

TRUE – Real, Spiritual, Fulfillment, Completion

Jesus is TRUE Vine – Abide in Him will Bear MUCH FRUIT for Eternal Life

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1.17

NOT Saying that Moses FALSE > How much BETTER is Jesus

NEW Covenant is PERFECTION, FULFILLMENT, MAJESTIC

Tabernacle set up BY MAN just Faint Reflection of GLORY of GOD

Apostle John has INTRIGUING Description of NEW TEMPLE in Heaven...

"Heavenly Tabernacle"	Revelation
seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God	4.5
the altar	6.9
altar with a golden censer... much incense	8.3
God's temple in heaven...the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple	11.19
no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb	21.22

Our Salvation was Purchased on Earth but it is PROTECTED in Heaven

Here is a clear word to any Christian in despondency or despair. We may feel crushed, dejected, bewildered or broken, but our eternal salvation has never depended on our vacillating moods or our changing circumstances. Christ has entered the heavenly sanctuary; 'once for all' he offered his blood for us. We are ever remembered at the throne and our names enrolled in heaven. This is our confidence. Our faith is grounded not in what we are or what we have done, but ever always in what he is, God's perfect Son, and what he has done through his perfect and eternal sacrifice.

Raymond Brown

FREE to use your IMAGINATION! But God's Reality will be More Grand!

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

1 Corinthians 2.9

3. Better Promises: *Covenant*

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7.22

Logic is SIMPLE – Need something NEW, because OLD is DEFECTIVE

v. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

Get NEW PHONE when you DROP your OLD One > Tired Looking at CRACK

PROBLEM w/ Old Covenant NOT we Covenant but we the KEEPERS

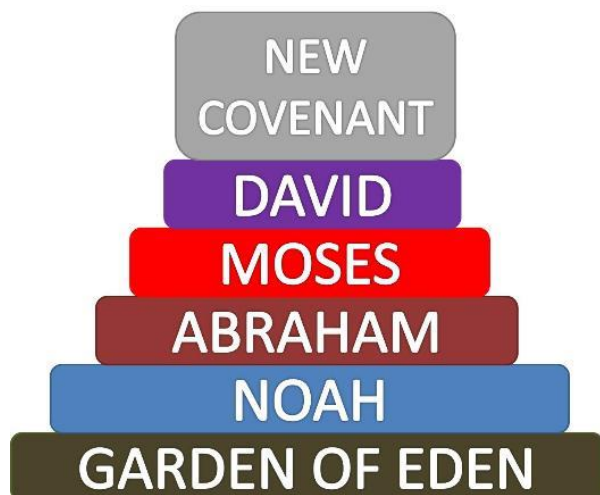
HOLES in Them, WORN Out, FLAWED, CRACKED, POWERLESS, WEAK

To possess the benefits of a perfect sacrifice, administered by a perfect priest serving in perfect session, in the perfect substantiality of the ultimate real

sanctuary built not by man but by God, was, and is, a grace that came for the first time through the new covenant in Christ. Kent Hughes

Went to COVENANT College and each of 6 Bible Prof's different definition..

Covenant "bond in blood sovereignly administered" Charles Anderson



God's Covenants are Linked Together
 Different Historical Expressions of
 Relationship with God in Different Times
 Ultimately – ALL God's Promises are
 Yes and AMEN in Jesus

a. Unconditional

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "*All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.*" Exodus 24.3

vs. 6,10-12 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...For this is the covenant that *I will make* with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: *I will put* my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and *I will be* their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For *I will be merciful* toward their iniquities, and *I will remember their sins no more.*"

when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy Titus 3.4,5

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast

love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Psalm 103.10-12

This Afternoon Seminary Class on Apologetics > Sharing with MUSLIMS

Recently Extensive Study – Muslims become Christians – REASONS Why

750 respondents, 30 Nations, 50 Tribes every major region of Muslim world.

GREAT Attraction of JESUS – Seen in Followers, Answered Prayer, Dreams

"One of the greatest tragedies in...church is that people do not, by and large, talk about Jesus. That is extremely foolish. Jesus is the supremely attractive One. If we exclude from our conversation the only real winner that we have, we are of all people the most to be pitied. If a church seriously wants to evangelize, my advice would not be to hire a famous preacher; it would be to open the mouths of the people in the pews. Everyone has a story to tell, the story of God's dealing with the soul. Everyone can invite a friend to a meeting. Everyone can say what a difference Jesus has made. It is not difficult. It springs naturally to many who have recently discovered the beauty of Jesus for themselves." Michael Green

b. Internal Old Covenant Law written on TABLETS of STONE

v. 10 I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts

OLD Covenant – Rituals, Traditions, Sacrifices, and Ceremonies

GO Somewhere to GET in CONTACT with GOD

Church > GATHERING of those already in CONTACT with HIM

PRESENT 2 or more Gather in His Name > Living Stones gather in Temple

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11.1

If you possess eternal life through faith in Christ, you have experienced at least something of this. You start wanting to do things you never wanted to do before, while old pleasures seem disturbing. You find yourself eagerly attending church, praying, reading the Bible, serving others, while shunning evil more and more as Christ leads you and God writes his law upon your heart. Richard Phillips

c. Experiential

vs. 10,11 and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest

This is the REASON as a Pastor I do Not BAPTIZE Babies

OLD Covenant was FAMILY Affair – Abe Circumcised Sons & Servants

But DISTINCTIVE of New Covenant is KNOWING God, not just ABOUT Him

Each Member of New Covenant is to be BORN AGAIN to this Living HOPE

The old covenant of Sinai was corporately entered into by a nation, including many who did not know God personally. But those who experience the new covenant come one by one as they are born into a relationship with God.

Kent Hughes

Jeremiah looked FORWARD to this Day...

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD." Jeremiah 9.23-24

The gospel message, especially its assurance of salvation and forgiveness, is also a significant attraction to Muslims. The Qur'an states that "those who repent and believe, and work righteousness ... will enter paradise" (19:60). Yet it also states that God forgives whom he wills and punishes whom he wills (2:284), so Muslims do not have certainty of salvation. One Indonesian woman spoke of her fear, based on a tradition attributed to Muhammad, that the bridge over hell to paradise is as thin as a hair. An Egyptian said he was attracted to Christian faith because it preaches that people can be sure of their acceptance by God.

J. Dudley Woodberry

Jesus BROUGHT this God's Day of SALVATION to REALITY...

Jesus: "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

John 17.3

d. Eternal

After long Quote from Jeremiah – Longest OT quote in NT – 1 Verse Comment

v. 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.

OLD Ways will VANISH Away – Wear Out like Old GARMENT

Why would these Hebrew Christians Look Back – Old, Obsolete, Vanishing?

Why are you STILL RIDING that BROKEN OFO? --- SAIL in New Covenant!

v. 9 For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

ISRAEL had BROKEN their PROMISE – TORE Up God's CONTRACT

Like many People who have been in this Church this Year > Walked Away

New Covenant UNBREAKABLE OATH – God swore by SELF

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.”
Isaiah 49.15,16

e. Universal

v. 8 a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah

Time of JEREMIAH 2 Hostile Nations – DISTANT Relationship FORGOTTEN
REDEMPTION bring RECONCILIATION and RESTORATION

HEBREWS has Little to Say about GENTILE Mission, but the Promise is there..

v. 11 for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

4000 yr Old COVENANT PROMISE to ABRAHAM is Still VALID...

in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith Galatians 3.14

4000 yrs Since God made PROMISE to Abe, He is Bringing it to Fulfillment
Someday Earth will be filled w/ Knowledge of God – As waters cover Sea

Many Muslims view dreams as links between the seen and unseen worlds, and pre-conversion visions and dreams often lead Muslims to consult a Christian or the Bible. Frequently a person in the vision, understood to be Jesus, radiates light or wears white (one respondent, though, said Jesus appeared in green, a color sometimes associated with Islamic holy persons). An Algerian woman had a vision that her Muslim grandmother came into her room and said, "Jesus is not dead; he is here." In Israel, an Arab dreamed that his deceased father said, "Follow the pastor. He will show you the right way." Other dreams and visions occurred later and provided encouragement during persecution. A Turkish woman in jail because of her conversion had a vision that she would be released, and she was. A vision of thousands of believers in the streets proclaiming their faith encouraged a young man in North Africa to persevere.

J. Dudley Woodberry

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52.10
