

THE NEW COVENANT IS BETTER THAN THE OLD COVENANT

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TEXT: Hebrews 8:1-6.

THESIS: To show why the new covenant is better than the old covenant.

INTRODUCTION

1. In the first century, some of the Jews who faced persecution because of their faith in Christ desired to returned to the Old Covenant.
2. They wanted to free themselves from the pains and troubles.
3. They perhaps said after all it is the same God we are serving.
4. The writer of the book of Hebrews, then wrote to these people and also to us, showing and proving why there is no need to return to the Old Covenant.
5. The author wrote among others, reasons why the New Covenant is better that the Old Covenant.
6. Out of the many reasons the author raised, we shall consider three of them which will serve as our three main points.
7. The New Covenant is better than the Old because the New Covenant has a ...
 - I. Better Mediator.
 - II. Better Ministry.
 - III. Better Message.

DISCUSSION:

I. BETTER MEDIATOR.

A. Because the mediator is the Son of God.

1. The mediator is divine (Heb. 1:2).
2. The mediator is between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5).
3. The mediator is the express image of God (Heb. 1:3)
4. The mediator is God (Heb. 1:8-9).
5. The mediator is the creator of all things (Heb. 1:10-11).
6. The mediator is never replaced, He lives forever (Heb. 1:11-12; 7:22-24).

B. Because the mediator is also our High Priest and blameless.

1. The mediator was tested in all things yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).
2. The mediator is pure (1 John 3:3).
3. The mediator is Holy (1 Pet. 1:15; Isa. 6:1-5; John 12:41).
4. The mediator did not need to sacrifice for Himself (Heb. 7:22-28).

C. Because the mediator is better than those who mediated the old covenant.

1. The mediator is better than Prophet (Heb. 1:1-2).
2. The mediator is better than the Angels (Heb. 1:4-5).
3. The mediator is better than Moses (Heb. 3:1-6).
4. Therefore, since the Old Covenant was built through the prophets, angels and Moses, the New Covenant is better.

D. Because of what the mediator provides.

1. The mediator can forgive sins.
2. The mediator gives His own blood for our eternal inheritance (Heb 9:15).
3. The mediator gives us a direct connection and entry to God and the Most Holy Place (Heb. 4:14-16).

II. BETTER MINISTRY.

A. Because of the ministration of the better High Priest.

1. He ministers in the heavenly sanctuary (Heb 8:1-6; 9:11).
2. He ministers with His own blood and not the blood of bulls and goats (Heb. 9:12-14).
3. He sacrificed once and for all (Heb. 9:19-28; 10:9-10).
4. He perfected those who are sanctified (Heb. 10:11-18).

B. Because the New Covenant has the glorious ministration (2 Cor. 3:4-11).

5. The ministration of the spirit and not the letter (vs. 6).
6. The ministration of the life and not death (vs. 6-8).
7. The ministration of righteousness and not condemnation (vs. 9).

8. The ministry that is eternal and faded not (vs. 10-11).

C. Because we have the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:17-21).

1. We have a ministry that makes all things new (vs. 17).
2. We have a ministry that reconciles man to God (vs. 18).
3. We have a ministry where God does not impute our sins unto us (vs. 19).
4. We have a ministry in which we can be made righteous through Christ (vs. 20-21).

III. BETTER MESSAGE.

A. The message of the promise of eternal life (Heb. 10:34-37).

1. It is a message of the promise of rest from our labors (Heb. 4:1-9).
2. It is a message of a life beyond this world.
 - a. His kingdom is not of this world (John18:36).
 - b. He was taken out of this world (Act 1:11).
 - c. He will come again from a place other than this world (1 Thess. 4:16, Rev. 1:7).
3. It is a message of a home with God in heaven.
 - a. We will have a home with the angels of God.
 - b. We will have a home with Jesus our Lord (John 14:1-3).
 - c. We will have a home with God the Father.
 - d. Where Christ will bring us unto glory and call us His brethren (Heb. 2:10,11).
 - e. Where we will reign with Christ forever (2 Tim. 2:10-12).
4. It is a of a message of promise of life in eternal body with pains and tears (2 Cor. 5:1-7).
5. A message of a place of glory and honor and immortality (Rom. 2:7, 1 Cor. 15:53-55).

B. The message of the remission of sins.

1. The message of God's mercifulness to forgive our unrighteousness (Heb. 8:12).

2. The message of God remembering our sins no more (Heb. 8:12; Jer. 31:31-34; compared to Heb. 10:1-3).
3. The message of shedding of the Blood of Christ (Heb. 9:22-24; Rom. 5:6-11).
4. The message of the Gospel by which all men are saved (Luke 24:46-; 1 Cor. 15:1-5).

C. The message about entry into the New Covenant (Heb. 5:8-9).

1. It is opened to everyone from every nation (Luke 24:46-47, Isa. 2:2-3).
2. Entry is through obedience of the Gospel (Heb. 5:9; John 3:16-18, 2 Pet. 3:9).
3. The message about entry is circumcision of the heart and not of the flesh (Col. 2:10-11; Phil. 3:3).
4. One is born again into the new covenant by following the steps of salvation.
 - a. Hear the gospel of Christ.
 - b. Believe the gospel (John 8:24).
 - c. Repent and turn toward the Lord (Acts 2:38, 3:19, Acts 26:16-18).
 - d. Confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God. (Acts 8:37).
 - e. Be baptized (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 5:21; Acts 2:38).
5. Therefore, every man who hears this must obey His message for there will be no escape (Heb. 2:2-3; 12:24-29).

CONCLUSION

1. The new covenant is better than the old because it has a better Mediator.
2. The new covenant is better than the old because it has a better Ministry.
3. The new covenant is better than the old because it has a better Message.
4. There shall be no escape for those who reject the Message of the New Covenant (Heb. 12:25).
5. There shall be no other sacrifices for sins for those who come into the New Covenant and yet willfully slip off (Heb. 10:18-26).
6. If you are a visitor, may I invite to enter into the New Covenant of God by:
 - a. Believing the gospel (John 8:24).
 - b. Repenting from your sins (Acts 2:38).

- c. Confessing Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37).
- d. Being baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16).