#### The High Priest of a New Covenant - Hebrews 8:1-13

<b>Topics:</b> Change, Comparisons, Forgiveness, Heaven, Inadequacy, Jesus Christ, Limitations, Mediator, Messiah, New Covenant, Sacrifice			
Op	Open It Question		
A.	What is involved in knowing someone?		
В.	What is involved in having an intimate relationship with God?		
C.	What items in your home or office would you consider obsolete? Why?		
D.	Why is it so difficult to forget the wrongs others do to us?		

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}$	<b>Explore It Questions</b>		
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2.	With what title is God described? (8:1)		
3.	What is Christ doing presently in heaven? (8:2)		
4.	What is the "job description" for a high priest? (8:3)		
5.	How do earthly sanctuaries and tabernacles differ from the heavenly one in which Christ is currently serving? ( $8:2$ , $5$ )		

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7.	What do the terms "copy," "shadow," and "pattern" indicate about the Levitical priesthood? (8:5)
8.	In what ways is the new covenant superior to the old? (8:6)
9.	Why did God decide to initiate a new covenant? (8:7-8)
10.	How did Israel handle their part in the old covenant? (8:9)
11.	How did God say the new covenant would be different from the old one? ( $8:10$ )

12.	What is God's response to sin under the new covenant? (8:12)
13.	What became of the old covenant when the new was introduced? $(8:13)$
<b>Get</b> 14.	It Questions How does it make you feel to realize that under the new covenant, you can have an intimate relationship with God?
15.	How motivated would you be to love and worship God if you had to depend solely on animal sacrifices offered by a stranger?

<ul> <li>17. What three words best describe how you feel knowing that Jesus Christ is in the presence of God representing you before your Creator?</li> <li>18. How much do biblical principles and God's truths govern your thoughts and actions?</li> <li>Apply It Questions</li> <li>19. In what ways can you show your thanks to God today for</li> </ul>
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the fact that He remembers your sins no more?
20. What can you do this week to get to know God better?

21.	How can you use the truths of this passage in coming days to help a friend who is struggling to earn God's approval?

Adult Questions for LESSONmaker.

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Hebrews 8:1-13
"The High Priest of a New Covenant"

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

#### PRAYER



- >Sick
- **Bereaved**
- ➤ Our Church
- **➢**Our Country
- >The World



#### Bible Study Resources

(www.newhope-mbc.org)

- Holy Bible
- Participant Questionnaire



#### **TOPICS**



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**≻**Change

**≻**Comparisons

**≻**Forgiveness

> Heaven

>Inadequacy

> Jesus Christ

>Limitations

**≻**Mediator

> Messiah

➤ New Covenant



#### **OPEN IT QUESTIONS**



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#### **INTRODUCTION**





<u>Chapter 7</u> explained that Jesus is a greater priest than any priest who had descended from Israel's first high priest, Aaron. The writer now summarizes his message; what he has been saying is that Christ is superior to everything in the Jewish priesthood. Whatever the Jewish believers had previously trusted for salvation was merely a shadow of reality, not the reality itself. That shadow is now utterly replaced by the reality of Christ as High Priest.



#### **SCRIPTURE (NLT)**



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<sup>1</sup>Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven. <sup>2</sup> There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands. <sup>3</sup> And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too. <sup>4</sup> If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law. <sup>5</sup> They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain."



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<sup>6</sup> But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises. <sup>7</sup> If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. <sup>8</sup> But when God found fault with the people, he said: "The day is coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>9</sup> This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD.



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<sup>10</sup> But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>11</sup> And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the LORD.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. <sup>12</sup> And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." 13 When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.



#### LESSON OUTLINE



I. Christ is our High Priest

II. Christ is given a superior ministry

III. Christ is our New Covenant



#### **EXPLORING THE TEXT**



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3. What is Christ doing presently in heaven? (8:2)

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5. How do earthly sanctuaries and tabernacles differ from the heavenly one in which Christ is currently serving? (8:2, 5)

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6. Why would Jesus not be a priest on earth? (8:4)

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7. What do the terms "copy," "shadow," and "pattern" indicate about the Levitical priesthood? (8:5)

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\*Exodus 25:40





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#### Plans for the Ark of the Covenant

<sup>10</sup> "Have the people make an Ark of acacia wood—a sacred chest 45 inches long, 27 inches wide, and 27 inches high.

#### Plans for the Table

<sup>23</sup> "Then make a table of acacia wood, 36 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 27 inches high.

#### Plans for the Lampstand

<sup>31</sup> "Make a lampstand of pure, hammered gold. Make the entire lampstand and its decorations of one piece—the base, center stem, lamp cups, buds, and petals.

<sup>40</sup> "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain.

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II. Christ is given a superior ministry (8:6-9)



8. In what ways is the new covenant superior to the old? (8:6)

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9. Why did God decide to initiate a new covenant? (8:7-8)

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# 10. How did Israel handle their part in the old covenant? (8:9)

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# III. Christ is our New Covenant (8:10-13)



11. How did God say the new covenant would be different from the old one? (8:10)

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Get It Questions #14 to #18

Apply It Questions #19 to #21

(See Handout)

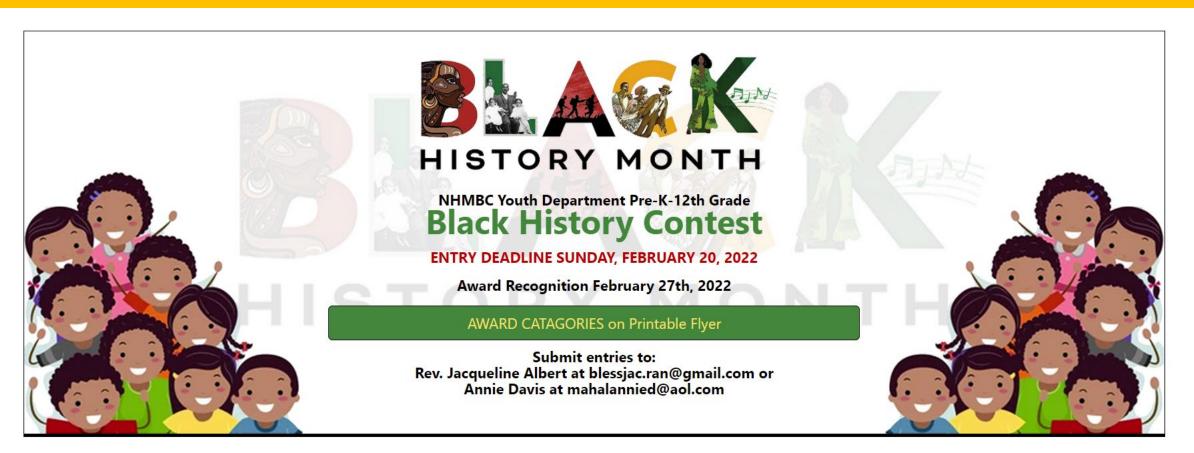


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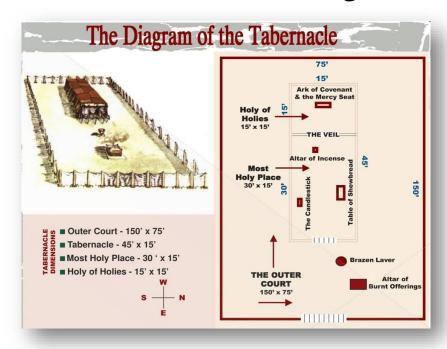
#### NEXT Virtual Bible Study



Wednesday, **2/23/2022** 

@7:00pm

#### Bible Study



Hebrews 9:1-10 "Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle"

#### In-Person Bible Study



Suspended Until further notice

#### PRAYER

