Hebrews 8:1-13

Review:

The Four Proofs of **Melchizedek's Superiority** (7:6-10)

- Abraham gave him tithes
- 2. Melchizedek accepted tithes indicating his superior position
- 3. Melchizedek's priesthood was not replaced, but Levitical priesthood would die and constantly be replaced
- 4. Israel, Levi and the priests all paid tithes to Melchizedek through Abraham's paying of the tithe

The new **priesthood** and the new **covenant** are **superior** to the old because:

- 1. They came with an oath (7:15-19)
- 2. They are permanent (7:23-25)
- 3. The character of Jesus (7:26-28)

These things are no longer needed because they have given way to something **better**:

- 1. Aaronic priesthood is replaced with the better order of Melchizedek
- 2. Old Covenant is replaced with the better New Covenant
- 3. The earthly sanctuary is replaced by the real heavenly sanctuary
- 4. The temporal are replaced by the effective and eternal sacrifice.

Hebrews 8:1 – "Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

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- 1. This verse begins the theme for the next two and a half chapters up to 10:18.
- 2. "The point of what we are saying" is literally "Now a summary over the things being said".
 - a. The author has said all that he said to get to this topic and explain it.
 - b. What was his point? What is all this information pointing at?
 - c. The author is going to now explain two important things:
 - i. What our high priest is offering
 - ii. Where our high priest is performing his duties
 - d. This begins to explain where our high priest is serving. He is in the throne room of the Majesty in heaven
- 3. "seated at the right hand"
 - a. This has already been stated in 1:3, but now we know what is not clear in Hebrews 1:3.

- i. Question: Why is he seated in heaven?
- ii. Answer: He is serving as our high priest
- 4. The seated Christ in Hebrews:
 - a. 1:3 "The son is. . . After he had <u>provided purification for sins</u>, *he sat down* at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."
 - b. 8:1 "We do have such a high priest, who **sat down** at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven. . . . and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer." (8:1,3)
 - c. 10:12 "When this priest <u>had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins</u>, **he sat down** at the right hand of God."
 - d. 12:2 "for the joy set before him <u>endured the cross, scorning its shame</u>, and **sat** down at the right hand of the throne of God"
 - e. PSALM 110:1 "The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand <u>until</u> I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

8:2 – "a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

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- 1. A contrast is made between the true or real tabernacle and the shadow or image tabernacle.
- 2. The difference is between God's sanctuary and man's sanctuary.

8:3 – "For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

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1. Chapter 9 will spend more time developing these offerings

8:4 – "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.

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1. Jesus was a simple layman when compared to the temple priests.

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2. Even the Qumran community had a priest from the line of Aaron as a teacher.

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8:5 – "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."

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- 1. "copy" is "'upodeigma" means a pattern or a copy (also used in 9:23)
- 2. "**shadow**" is "skia" means a shadow or a shadowy outline, a shadowy reflection, or a shadowy suggestion.

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- 4. Moses saw the actual temple in heaven
- 5. Exodus 25:9; 26:30; 27:8.
- 6. In 25: 40 it says "which is being shown you" literally means "which you are caused to see."

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- 8. The priests serve at a sanctuary that is a shadow because the whole Levitical order is a foreshadowing of the true spiritual order. Today this new age of the spirit is the true spiritual order being manifested.
- 9. "Pattern" typon /too-pos/ meaning "typically"
 - a. Originally meant:
 - i. The mark of a blow
 - ii. Then it meant a stamp struck by a die
 - b. Used to say:
 - i. A figure
 - ii. A copy
 - iii. An image
 - iv. A pattern
 - v. A model
 - vi. A type
 - vii. A prefiguring of something or somebody
- 10. In Exodus 25:9 in the Hebrew language the word "pattern" comes from *tabnit* /tab-neeth/meaning "construction, pattern, figure"
- 8:6 "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.

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- 1) Jesus is superior.
- 2) New Covenant is superior.
- 3) Ministry is superior.
- 4) Promises are superior

"ministry" is "λειτουργια" (leitourgia") and means "service, ministry, religious or sacred service. This is the common word used to refer to the temple service of priests.

The author has mentioned better promises.

These promises will be drawn out of the New Covenant contract found in the Old Covenant.

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

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8:8 – "For he finds fault with them when he says:

[&]quot;Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

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- 1. A promise of a new covenant within the Old Covenant indicated that something was wrong.
- 2. Jeremiah was the prophet that foretold this.

8:9 – "not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

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- Ratification of the Old Covenant recorded in Exodus 24:1-8 (This is referred to in Heb. 9:18-20)
- 2. Jeremiah reminds his listeners of the terms of the covenant in Jeremiah 7:23
- 3. Jeremiah 24-26 explains the problem: evil hearts and stiff necks.
- 4. Jeremiah 11:6 Jeremiah tries to call them back to their covenant.
- Jeremiah watched in 621 as Josiah tried to force a revival to the covenant. Josiah knew God. Jeremiah knew God. But, the people did not.
- 6. Jeremiah 31:31 God promises a new covenant.

8:10 – "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.

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8:11 – "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.

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8:12 – "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

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8:13 – "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.

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2 Corinthians 3:6, 14

Jesus had spoken of the temple being thrown down.

Stephen also had spoken of the temple's destruction.

It has now been thirty years and these prophecies may have seemed to have faded and their literal fulfillment may have been replaced with a spiritualized understanding.

Now thirty years later the author of Hebrews breathes new life into this promise.

The Old Covenant was now obsolete. It and its sanctuary would soon disappear.

8:10

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord.

I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Promise Number One:

"I will put my laws in their minds."

Not memorization as in Deuteronomy 6:6-9

The people planned on being obedient (Ex.24:7)

The problem was not the law but the weak flesh and sin nature as in Romans 8:3

Ezekiel 11:19-20

8:11

No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

Promise Number Two:

"They will all know me."

This was a matter of personal experience

In Judges 2:10 the generation that came into the land produced a generation that did not know the Lord.

Hosea 4:1, 6 there was no knowledge of God in the land and disaster was coming.

This promise includes every member of the society knowing God.

This puts God on a one to one relationship with everyone.

No one is hearing second hand

8:12

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Promise Number Three:

"I will remember their sins no more."

Even in Exodus 34:6-10 God is merciful and forgiving.

"Remember" in Hebrew means more than to mentally recall something. It means to follow that recall with action either good or bad. God remembers sins and punishes them or He remembers good deeds and rewards them.

Cornelius Acts 10:4, 31 Babylon the great Rev. 16:19, 18:5