

## Hebrews 8 - The New Covenant

January 21, 2024 - Pastor Jarrod Stueve

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### Leviticus 16:1-10, 12-15, 30 - The Day of Atonement

#### Three Things the Tabernacle Teaches Us:

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is really, really \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is really, really \_\_\_\_\_
  - God still wants to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) The high priest's work never \_\_\_\_\_, provided only a temporary \_\_\_\_\_ for sin, and left us separated from God's presence.

#### Hebrews 8:1-6 Jesus Ministers in Heaven

- 2) Jesus is better because His sacrifice is \_\_\_\_\_

#### Hebrews 8:7-13 The New Covenant - The Original Plan

*Genesis 3:15    John 5:19 NLT    John 10:9    John 1:29*  
*John 3:16    Romans 8:1    Hebrews 10:19-22*

- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New.
- 4) Jesus saved me not only to have fellowship with \_\_\_\_\_, but also with \_\_\_\_\_

#### The New Covenant is BETTER because...

- God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
  - It \_\_\_\_\_, rather than pressuring us to \_\_\_\_\_
  - It offers \_\_\_\_\_, rather than a temporary \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The New Covenant: Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved, forever \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_

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### Leviticus 16:1-10, 12-15, 30 - The Day of Atonement

#### Three Things the Tabernacle Teaches Us:

- Our SIN is really, really BAD
  - GOD is really, really HOLY
  - God still wants to DWELL with US
- 1) The high priest's work never ENDED, provided only a temporary COVERING for sin, and left us separated from God's presence.

#### Hebrews 8:1-6 Jesus Ministers in Heaven

- 2) Jesus is better because His sacrifice is FINISHED

#### Hebrews 8:7-13 The New Covenant - The Original Plan

*Genesis 3:15    John 5:19 NLT    John 10:9    John 1:29*  
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- 3) The GOD of the Old Testament is the GOD of the New.
- 4) Jesus saved me not only to have fellowship with HIMSELF, but also with THE FATHER

#### The New Covenant is BETTER because...

- God DID ALL the WORK
  - It TRANSFORMS, rather than pressuring us to CONFORM
  - It offers FORGIVENESS, rather than a temporary COVERING
- 5) The New Covenant: Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved, forever DWELLING in God's PRESENCE

## GET PRACTICAL

8) What does the following passage claim about your identity as a follower of Jesus?

**1 Peter 2:9-10** - "[9] *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; [10] who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*"

Why do you think God declares all believers as "priests"?

How should this idea affect the way you live and interact with others?

9) Is there any area in your life where you've been approaching God according to the Law, instead of by grace? Are there any lies you've been believing related to this? If so, what?

How do you think God wants you to change (your mind or actions) to better relate to Him according to the New Covenant, and the fact that you are part of a royal priesthood?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of January 21, 2024

### MY STORY

1) Share a Bible verse or passage that holds personal significance for you and explain why.

### QUICK REVIEW

2) Which verse was most meaningful or interesting to you in Hebrews 8, and why?

3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

### DIGGING DEEPER

4) What stands out to you from the following passage?

**Isaiah 6:1-8** - "[1] *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. [2] Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" [4] And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." [6] Then one*

*of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." [8] Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me.""*

How do you think you would have felt or reacted if you were in Isaiah's place, seeing this vision, hearing God's voice?

Why do you think Isaiah acted with such humility?

What does this passage teach you?

5) What do you think Jesus means in the following verse?  
**Matthew 5:20 NLT** - "[20] *"But I warn you--unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!"*

Try to think of the most moral, loving, godly person you've ever known (or know of). What do you think God's view of them is *apart from Jesus*? Do you think this is fair?

6) What stands out or confuses you in the following?  
**Psalm 40:5-13, 16-17** - "[5] *Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I*

*would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. [6] Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. [7] Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. [8] I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." [9] I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. [10] I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly. [11] Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me. [12] For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me. [13] Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me! ... [16] Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!" [17] But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God."*

In what way(s) can you relate to David in this Psalm?

How does this Psalm point towards the New Covenant?

7) When Jesus died on the cross, **Matthew 27:51** says, *"Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,"* How do you think the priests in the temple reacted when they witnessed this? What do you think this meant to them?