

A Study of the General Epistles

N.T. Survey Lesson 150—Hebrews 8

Introduction: In the first seven chapters the Hebrew writer has discussed the superiority of Jesus in his person (what kind of priest we have). Now he turns his attention to the superiority of Jesus in his work (what our priest has done). He stresses that Jesus, our high priest, is a minister in the true tabernacle of which the OT one was a copy and shadow, and that His ministry is more excellent by as much as He is the mediator of a better covenant enacted upon better promises.

Lesson aim: To show why the new covenant is better than the old and how this proves that Jesus' ministry is more excellent.

Jesus ministers in the true tabernacle—Heb. 8:1-5

1. What is the main point the writer has been making up to this point in the book? (v. 1) Where does Jesus as our high priest sit?
2. Where does Jesus serve as priest? (v. 2) Who built this tabernacle?
3. Verse three introduces the thing the writer will talk about in chapters 8-10. What is that subject?
4. If Jesus were on earth would He be a priest according to the Law? (v. 4)
5. What did the writer say about the OT tabernacle? (v. 5) Because of this, what warning did God issue to Moses?

His ministry is more excellent just as He is the mediator of a better covenant—Heb. 8:6-13

1. What point is the writer emphasizing in this section about Jesus' ministry? (v. 6) He is the mediator of a _____ covenant enacted on _____ promises.
2. What does the writer affirm about the first covenant? (v. 7) What OT passage is quoted to confirm this? (v. 9-12)

3. What had God said he would make with the house of Israel and Judah? (v. 8) Would this covenant be like the one made at Sinai?
4. What was the state of the people in relation to the first covenant? (v. 9) How would the condition of the people under the new covenant be different? (v. 10)
5. What relation would those in the new covenant have with God? (v. 10) Would they need someone to teach them about the Lord? (v. 11) Why would they know the Lord? (v. 12)
6. When God made this promise of a new covenant in Jeremiah's day, what did it make the first covenant? What is becoming obsolete is ready to do what?