

Hebrews 8:1-13 Connections

In the beginning...What truth did the Holy Spirit stir in you through the sermon Sunday?

Memory Verse: “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” (Hebrews 8:6 NLT).

Let's dig into the Bible for Truth:

Hebrews 8:1, 2 (see Hebrews 5:1 & 7:26 - 28) In this new priesthood...

1. Where is the priest seated? _____
2. Where does He serve? _____
3. Who set this 'tabernacle' up? _____

Hebrews 8:3 - 6:

1. Explain why the priesthood ministry of Jesus is different from a purely human priesthood:

2. After which model was Moses commanded to build the earthly tabernacle? _____

3. Why is the New Covenant said to be better than the Old?

Hebrews 8:7 - 9:

1. Did God find fault with HIS law? _____. If not, then with what?

2. Why did God turn away from His people?

Hebrews 8:10 - 13:

1. God's promises describe the effects of the New covenant - fill in the blanks from verses 10 - 12, "...I will put my laws _____ and write them in their _____. I will be their _____, and they will be _____

...For I will _____ their wickedness and will
_____ no
more”.

2. If we have a new Covenant to be righteous before God what has happened to the Old? _____

“But be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

What Now? Application time:

1. In what ways have we uncovered our attempts to be righteous, feel righteous, or be good by our performance of laws or rituals (religious or otherwise)?
2. How can we move our focus to the New Covenant and still find value in studying the Old Testament?

Summary: We have learned thus far that the Eternal God became a human and therefore the only qualified Mediator between God and man. This New Priest is seated at the Right Hand of Majesty in heaven. The Old Covenant was insufficient for salvation because of humanity’s moral depravity, not weakness in the law itself. The New Covenant is better because: 1) we have a perfect heavenly priesthood, not a mere human priesthood – one subject to human weakness; 2) the New Covenant has better promises than the Old; 3) the Old promised outward righteousness by good works, the New gave righteousness by faith as a gift; and 4) the law worked from the outside in, the New works from the inside out. “His law is written in our hearts”. The Law, as it pertains to making a person righteous, is obsolete BUT the Old Testament remains essential for understanding the New Covenant’s plan of salvation.