

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

Topics: Change, Comparisons, Forgiveness, Heaven, Inadequacy, Jesus Christ, Limitations, Mediator, Messiah, New Covenant, Sacrifice

Open It

1. What is involved in knowing someone?
2. What is involved in having an intimate relationship with God?
- * 3. What items in your home or office would you consider obsolete? Why?
4. Why is it so difficult to forget the wrongs others do to us?

Explore It

5. Where is Christ right now? (8:1)
6. With what title is God described? (8:1)
7. What is Christ doing presently in heaven? (8:2)
8. What is the “job description” for a high priest? (8:3)
9. How do earthly sanctuaries and tabernacles differ from the heavenly one in which Christ is currently serving? (8:2, 5-6)
10. Why would Jesus not be a priest on earth? (8:4)
11. What do the terms “copy,” “shadow,” and “pattern” indicate about the Levitical priesthood? (8:5)
- * 12. In what ways is the new covenant superior to the old? (8:6)
- * 13. Why did God decide to initiate a new covenant? (8:7-12)
14. How did Israel handle their part in the old covenant? (8:9)
15. How did God say the new covenant would be different from the old one? (8:10)
16. What is God’s response to sin under the new covenant? (8:12)
- * 17. What became of the old covenant when the new was introduced? (8:13)

Get It

18. How does it make you feel to realize that under the new covenant, you can have an intimate relationship with God?
- * 19. How motivated would you be to love and worship God if you had to depend solely on animal sacrifices offered by a stranger?
- * 20. What do we learn about God from the fact that He set aside the old covenant in favor of the new?
21. What three words best describe how you feel knowing that Jesus Christ is in the presence of God representing you before your Creator?
22. How much do biblical principles and God’s truths govern your thoughts and actions?

Apply It

23. In what ways can you show your thanks to God today for the fact that He remembers your sins no more?
- * 24. What can you do this week to get to know God better?
25. How can you use the truths of this passage in coming days to help a friend who is struggling to earn God’s approval?