

## Old Truth, New Covenant > Hebrews 8:1-13

**8:1-3** *Better priest = better covenant.* Christ's priesthood benefits us because he has actually done the work to redeem us. His work ushers in a new covenant, a better one: a promise that rescues us from our sins.

**8:4-7** *Earthly priest = old covenant.* The contrast: the priests of the old covenant were not able to bring about what the people needed most – salvation. That was not the old covenant's purpose, and so the new covenant was needed.

**8:8-13** *Heavenly priest = new covenant.* Quoting from **Jeremiah 31**, the point is that God's plan always involved a new covenant and, as the author of Hebrews points out, Christ's work has ushered in and fulfilled that new covenant.

**Background:** Just as we were introduced to how Christ is a better priest, here we read of that leads to a better covenant than what the law was able to offer.

**The Point:** The best priest brings the best covenant – one that was prophesied and has now been fulfilled in Jesus.

**Head:** The new covenant is based on Christ's saving work – it is about our relationship to him, not religious performance.

**Heart:** Believe that what you need most is a relationship with the Lord who upholds the promises – Christ's new covenant is better than any religious "work" you could ever accomplish.

**Hands:** How will you demonstrate gratefulness for Christ's work in your actions and conversations this week?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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