

Hebrews

Chapter Eight

Hebrews 8:1

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A Main Point In The Book Of Hebrews

- "The main thing is that the main thing remains the main thing." (Lee Iacocca)
- "Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens..." - Heb 8:1-2



Some Key Reasons It is Important To Remember This Main Point

- It resulted in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear." -- Acts 2:32-33
- Jesus is now interceding on behalf of the believer

- "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."-Rom 8:33-34
- Intercession is **the act of pleading** on the behalf of someone as a friend-Webster
- It is the place our minds should focus. It is a mind set.

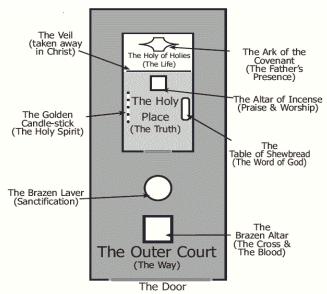
- "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, **sitting at the right hand of God**. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."-Col. 1:1-2
- In the book of Hebrews it separates the sacrificial system from the real sacrifice for our sins
- "And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God"-Heb. 10:11-12

- Jesus' position at the right hand of God sets Him alone above all angels
- "who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."- 1 Peter 3:22
- Jesus is the author of our faith and the finisher of our faith
- "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."- Heb 12:2

The True Tabernacle

- Jesus doesn't serve in a temporary tabernacle made by human hands but He serves continually in the heavenly tabernacle.
- There was not a seat in the earthly tabernacle for the priests to sit.
- The tabernacle of Moses was a copy of this original and it was made by man (Exodus 25:8-9).
- Since Jesus has made purification for sins once and for all (Hebrews 1:3) **is now seated** as the Great High Priest.

The Tabernacle



Jesus Sat Down

- 1:3 – “The son is. . . After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”
- 8:1 – “We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven. . . . and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.”
- 10:12 – “When this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.”

- 12:2 – “for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”
- PSALM 110:1 – “The Lord says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”

Jesus Will Stay At The Right Hand Until The Final Judgment

"Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain." -- Isaiah 26:20-21

Jesus Will Rule One Day The Nations

- God placed man to have dominion and to rule over His creation
- In the this present age it is Satan who has dominion over the earth (Luke 4:5-6)
- But one day, one glorious day, Jesus will reclaim for man what we lost at the Fall
- All things are not yet subjected to Jesus (Hebrews 2:8)
- And all creation groans for the revealing of the sons of God (Romans 8:18-22)

Believers Will Rule With Jesus

- "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."- Rev 1:6
- "...for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."- Rev 5:9-10

- "God gave man dominion over the earth, but man forfeited his power (not his right or authority) to take that dominion through sin, and the principle of death took away the power to rule. But Jesus came, and through His humility and suffering, defeated the power of death, and makes possible the fulfillment of God's promise that humans will have dominion over the earth - fulfilled both through Jesus' own dominion, and the rule of believers with Him."-Guzik

"But now we do not yet see all things put under him."

- Why has Jesus never asserted his position of ruling authority over the devil and his angels in this world which belongs ultimately to him?
- Jesus has never used his absolute power to bring an end to global injustice, demonic activity, and suffering.
- Jesus allowed wicked men to crucify Him and to take His place of honor as king and ruling authority.
- Jesus seems to rule from a remote and distant place.

2 PETER 3:8-10

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Hebrews 8:3

For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer.

The Better Sacrifice Is Himself

- “But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”-Isaiah 53:5-6

Hebrews 8:4-5

For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See *that* you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

Jesus Is Not Ministering On Earth

- The ministry of Jesus is better because He is ministering in the heavenly tabernacle.
- Jesus will one day in the future be on earth sitting as king of all nations but today He is sitting in heaven serving as the great High Priest
- There is no comparison for His work that He is doing in heaven
- The ministry of Jesus in heaven gives us direct access to the Father because the Veil has been taken away.

- But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” -2 Corinthians 3:14-16
- This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil...”-Hebrews 6:19
- “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition”- Ephesians 2:13-14
- ***Our hope is based on the finished work of Christ and his continuing work as our high priest.***

Moses Was Divinely Instructed

- Moses was to build the Tabernacle exactly as God instructed him.
- “According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make *it*. And see to it that you make *them* according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.-Exodus 25:9,40
- The Tabernacle and furnishings were simply a shadow or type of the reality Who is Jesus.

- Stephen stated that the Tabernacle was a witness, “Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen....”-Acts 7:44
- The Tabernacle was witnessing to Jesus Who is the substance of the shadow.
- The priests served in an earthly tabernacle Jesus is the Tabernacle God with us.
- And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”-John1:14
- “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.”-Revelation 21:3

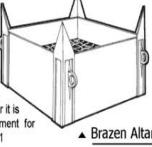
The Altar of Sacrifice

The Priest approached the Tabernacle by way of the brazen altar, where he offered the sacrifice for sin.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your soul: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Leviticus 17:11

Jesus Christ Became our perfect sacrifice

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29



Ark Of The Covenant

Holy Of Holies

VEIL

Altar Of Incense

Golden Lampstand

The Holy Place

Table Of Showbread

Bronze Laver

Court Yard

Bronze Altar

The Laver of Water

The Priest must wash at the laver before ministering at the altar or entering the Tabernacle

"When they go into the tabernacle ... they shall wash with water or when they come near the altar to minister." Exodus 30:20

The laver was a place of washing and cleansing from sin.

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16



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Jesus Is Our Sanctification

Table of Showbread

The table was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold.

On the table were golden plates, spoons, jars, and bowls.

The bread was 12 cakes baked of fine flour and placed fresh on the table every Sabbath. They were stacked in two rows of six. The week old bread was then removed and eaten by the priests there in the holy place. No one else could eat this bread (Lev. 24:9)

Jesus Is The Bread Of Life

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The table was about 3 feet long, 1 foot 6 inches wide and 2 feet 3 inches high.

The Golden Lampstand

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31-40) was made of pure gold, hammered out of one solid piece. Resting on a base, the central stem had six branches, three on either side, together carrying seven lamps. The lampstand with its branches was modeled on a flowering almond tree.



Jesus Is The Light Of The World

Altar Of Incense

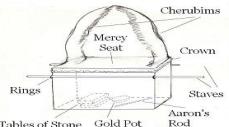
Made of acacia wood with gold overlay (Exodus 30:1)

Fragrant Incense was burned morning and evening (Exodus 30:7,8)

Positioned in outer holy place in front of the veil (Exodus 30:6)



Jesus Is Our Intercessor



It was overlaid on all sides with gold and contained the tablets of stone, the golden pot with manna, and Aaron's rod.

The Ark of the Covenant was the only furniture allowed in the Most Holy Place. God spoke to Moses above the mercy seat between the Cherubim. Ex. 25:20-22

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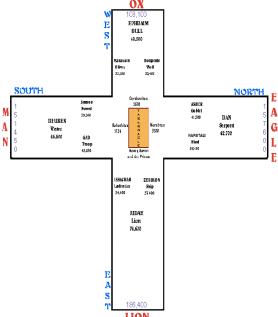
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The CROSS in the Wilderness



The diagram shows the layout of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. The Ark of the Covenant was in the Holy of Holies, separated from the Holy Place by a Veil. The Holy Place contained the Table of Showbread and the Golden Lampstand. The outer Court contained the Altar of Incense, the Bronze Altar, and the Bronze Laver. The Ark was overlaid on all sides with gold and contained the tablets of stone, the golden pot with manna, and Aaron's rod. The Ark of the Covenant was the only furniture allowed in the Most Holy Place. God spoke to Moses above the mercy seat between the Cherubim. Ex. 25:20-22

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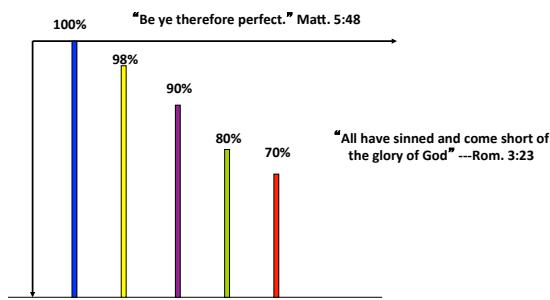
Hebrews 8:6

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Excellent Mediator

- The word used here for mediator has its root in the idea of a middleman, “a man who stands in the middle and who brings two parties together....who are estranged and to wipe out the differences between them.”- (Earle, Word Meanings in the New Testament)
- Jesus is mediator of a better covenant because the New covenant rests on better promises that come through faith in Jesus
- The old covenant was based on the Law and and the only way to fulfill the Law was to keep all of it, yet Jesus fulfilled the Law for us becoming an excellent Mediator.
- Jesus is the better promise because God never intended for law to be the way we find our approval before Him. God knew we could never keep it and had a better way through faith in Jesus to be the foundation for our salvation since the very beginning of time.

The Divine Measure



A Better Covenant of Grace

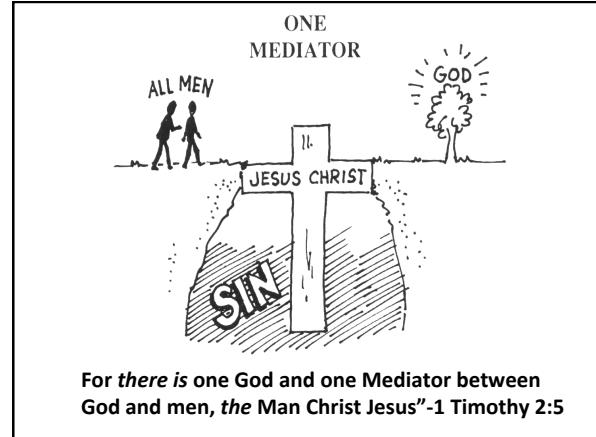
- Grace is how God relates to man through faith.
- When sin abounded grace abounded more (Romans 5:20)
- If you have 20 pounds of sin it is trumped by 21 pounds of grace.
- God's grace always wins against sin if man will receive it.
- “For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”-John 1:17

A Better Promise

"Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

What purpose then *does* the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was appointed* through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not *mediate* for one *only*, but God is one. *Is* the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:15-29-



Hebrews 8:7-12

For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

The Superiority Of The New Covenant

- The Hebrew writer is telling his Jewish listeners that the old covenant had some issues.
- It is because there is something lacking in the old covenant.
- It is God Who says there is a fault in the old covenant and it was Jeremiah the prophet who foretold this.

Jeremiah 23:7-8

7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,'" 8 but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

A New Covenant For Israel

- He mentions that the new covenant is for the House of Israel and House of Judah.
- **The New Covenant is not according to the covenant that God made with the Israel in delivering them from bondage in Egypt.**
- Jeremiah says that Israel did not keep God's covenant that He made with those fathers.
- It was because of their rebellion that God discarded that generation.-Chapter 4

Jeremiah

- Jeremiah was a prophet of Judah during both the Assyrian Empire and the Babylonian Empire



The Time of Jeremiah

- "in the days of Josiah... in the thirteenth year of his reign."—(Jer. 1:1,2) Josiah reigned 639-608 B.C.
- Jeremiah began his prophecy thirteen years into the reign of King Josiah ---627 B.C.
- "It came also in the days of Jehoiakim..."—(Jer. 1:3) Jehoiakim reigned 608-597 B.C.
- " until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month." (Jer. 1:3)- 586 B.C.
- Jeremiah was about 100yrs after Isaiah prophesied for Judah and Israel.

Jeremiah (627-586 B.C.)

- The dates of Jeremiah's birth and death are not known.
- The entire background of Jeremiah's life and the words ascribed to him are filled with the sense of disaster and dispersion which the Jews underwent in the 6th century B.C.
- He prophesied under the great reforms of king Josiah—(639- 609) B.C.
- The Assyrians were conquered by the Babylonians.--612 B.C

The Promises Of The New Covenant

- No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."
- The New Covenant deals with the renewing of Israel after they have been restored in the Land. They have not yet received the New Covenant.
- It is the New Covenant which the Epistle to the Hebrews explains as replacing the Law.

Jeremiah 31:10,23-25

- "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.'—Jeremiah 31:10
- Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "They shall again use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring back their captivity: 'The LORD bless you, O home of justice, *and* mountain of holiness!' And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, farmers and those going out with flocks. For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul."—**Jeremiah 31:23-25**

- Jesus shed blood initiates the New Covenant: "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"—Matt 26:28
- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant: "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant...."—Heb. 9:15,12:24
- The New Covenant restores Israel to intimacy with God.
- The laws will be written on their hearts.

- They will all know God which means there is not a need for a mediator between God and the people.
- It is a matter of personal experience by Jeremiah.
- In Judges 2:10 the generation that came into the land produced a generation that did not know the Lord.
- Hosea 4:1, 6 there was no knowledge of God in the land and disaster was coming.

Know

- The word in Hebrew for “know” is “*yada*” and it is the word used in the Old Testament for intimacy in a covenant union.
- It is used to describe the covenant between a husband and wife the most sacred covenant among humans.
- It means to know and understand the whole person
- It is knowing through experience rather than learning facts in a classroom.

- God promises to forgive and forget all of the sins of the people.
- “Remember” in Hebrew means not only to recall something but a person needs to put the memory into action good or bad.
- God remembers sins and punishes them or He remembers good deeds and rewards them.
- The only time in Scripture when God does not forgive sins and remembers them is towards Babylon
- Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great **Babylon was remembered before God**, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.-Rev. 16:19

- “For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”-Rev. 18:5
- Jesus is now the mediator of the New Covenant.
- The New Covenant **fulfills** the covenant of works through the completed work of Jesus.
- The New Covenant provides through Jesus’ blood and sacrifice **once and for all**.
- **The New Covenant is the reality of the shadow of the Old Covenant**

God's Faithfulness To Israel

"Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever."---Jer 31:35-36

Hebrews 8:13

In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Old Covenant Vanishes

- This is important point for the Hebrew Believers in that what you are continuing to do is obsolete.
- The Old Covenant is going to vanish away
- This is prophesy by Jeremiah about the destruction of the Temple
- The Temple was destroyed in 70 AD.
- The Romans took over Jerusalem and set up idols on sacred land.
- Hebrews was written before the destruction of the Temple.

The Victory Of Rome

- After the Romans defeated the Israeli rebellion they carried the items of the Temple back to Rome as displayed on the Arch of Titus.

