



PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

THE REAL THING
HEBREWS 8:1-13

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Introduction: In today's politically correct culture anyone who would dare claim "My religion is better than yours" would be immediately condemned for being arrogant. Yet, the writer of Hebrews does not shy away from claiming that Christianity is superior to every other religion in the world for three distinct reasons.

The Superiority of Jesus Christ **Hebrews 5-10**

- 1. Jesus Christ Is A Superior Priest - Chapters 5-7**
- 2. Jesus Christ Has A Superior Ministry - Chapter 8**
- 3. Jesus Christ Has Offered a Superior Sacrifice - Chapters 9-10**

Hebrews 7:26-28 ²⁶ "For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever."

- I. Jesus Has Performed A Superior Work (Hebrews 8:1-6)**
 - A. Jesus Completed His Sacrificial Work (Hebrews 8:1)**

Hebrews 8:1 "Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,"

Hebrews 10:11-12 ¹¹ "And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,"

B. **Jesus Ministers In A Superior Sanctuary** (Hebrews 8:2)

Hebrews 8:2 “A minister in the sanctuary, and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.”

Hebrews 8:3-4 ³ “For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. ⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;”

II. **Jesus Presides Over A Superior Covenant** (Hebrews 8:6-7)

Hebrews 8:6-7 ⁶ “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.”

A. **The Meaning of “Mediator”**

B. **The Meaning of “Covenant”**

1. **The Old Covenant** (Exodus 19)

2. **The New Covenant** (Luke 22:20)

Luke 22:20 “And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”

III. **Jesus Offers A Superior Promise** (Hebrews 8:8-13)

Hebrews 8:7-8 ⁷ “For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. ⁸ For finding fault with them, He says, ‘BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;’”

A. **Promises Unconditional Blessing** (Hebrews 8:8-9)

Hebrews 8:8-9 ⁸ “For finding fault with them, He says, ‘BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; ⁹ NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.’”

B. **Promises Inward Motivation** (Hebrews 8:10)

Hebrews 8:10 “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 INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.”

C. **Promises Universal Redemption** (Hebrews 8:11)

Hebrews 8:11 “AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’ FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.”

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D. Promises Unlimited Forgiveness (Hebrews 8:12)

Hebrews 8:12 “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.”

Conclusion