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November 7 – Hebrews 8:1-18

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, ²a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. ⁴For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵who 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.”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.

⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸Because 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 ⁹not 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. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹None 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. ¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” ¹³In 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.

OKAY, HERE’S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

At this point in Paul’s letter he summarizes what he’s been writing about so far and how it applies for us today. He outlines the following points:

Under the Old Covenant Moses appointed Aaron and his sons from the tribe of Levi to serve as priest but now God has appointed his Son Jesus Christ as our great High Priest in Heaven. The Tabernacle that Moses built was only a shadow of the true tabernacle in Heaven. God actually revealed to Moses what the tabernacle in Heaven looks like and told him to build a replica on earth of what he had seen.

Jesus is the Mediator of a more excellent covenant and ministry. We now have a better covenant established on better promises. The new covenant is better than the old because the

laws of God are written not on tablets of stone but in our minds and hearts by the Holy Spirit. This means that instead of having to follow an outwardly written code, the letter of the law we now have the Holy Spirit of God living in us giving us the desire and the grace to do the will of God. This happens through the renewal of our minds and causes a literal inner transformation of our individual characters.

The new covenant is better because now all believers can know God in a personal way as Savior and Lord who promises not to remember our sins. This is the nature of our Father God, to be merciful, forgiving and forgetting our past sins. Psalm 103:12-13 says “As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.” God provides in the new covenant a personal relationship with all of his children without partiality and without discrimination. That’s what it means when the Scripture says they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest. When we come to know God through faith in Jesus Christ we all enter into a new covenant relationship that is based on the love of God and grace for salvation. We cannot come to God based on our own righteousness but only through the blood of Jesus Christ alone.

WHAT’S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- 1) Through the new covenant we have a great high priest the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) God does a special spiritual work on the inside of us by writing his laws and ways upon our hearts through the Word and the Spirit of God.
- 3) Through the new covenant we are all able to know God in a personal way being assured that our sins have been forgiven and that God himself is now our God and father in Heaven.

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