

8:1 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,

8:2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

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.

8:4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

8:5 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."

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.

8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

8:8 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-

8:9 "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.

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 in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

8:11 "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.

8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

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.

Good morning everyone. The rainy season has ended and summer is finally in full swing. I hope everyone has been well. Coronavirus infections seem to be spreading rapidly. I hope that you are taking care of yourselves as well as heat stroke.

We are now in the 8th chapter of the book of Hebrews.

Here, I begin the sentence with "The main point of what I have said above.

So far in this book of Hebrews, we have heard the importance of believing in Jesus through many narratives.

Jesus over the angel, Jesus over Moses, Jesus over Abraham, and Jesus over Melchizedek have been spoken of. And in today's passage, he says, "The gist of what I have said above is. It is very interesting.

8:1 The point of all this is that such a High Priest is for us, seated at the right hand of the throne of the Most High in heaven,

2 He serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

Now the main point of this story is this. To sum it up, it is this. This is what we want you to keep in mind as we talk about death, which touches the very heart of the matter.

The high priest like Melchizedek, the one who sits at the right hand of the Great One, the King of Heaven, the main point of this story is that we are talking about such a person.

Verse 2 goes on to say that He is the Servant, the Holy Tabernacle, the true, real, authentic, dependable Tabernacle, which the Lord has built, not by man, and to which the Lord has built it, He (Jesus Christ) is the Servant.

What does it mean to be true, real, authentic, and dependable?

3 Approximately, the high priest is erected for no other purpose than to offer offerings and sacrifices. Therefore, this high priest must also have something to offer.

4 Therefore, if he had been on earth, he could not have been a priest, since there are presently priests who offer offerings according to the law.

Here we have a description of the heavenly sanctuary, the heavenly tabernacle. Jesus, the High Priest who serves there, does not need offerings and sacrifices for their own defilement, as do the high priests on earth. But on earth the priests perform their holy ministry, albeit imperfectly. On earth, that is sufficient. But in heaven there is far more than that, a holy tabernacle, a true, real, authentic, dependable tabernacle. And there, as High Priest, is Jesus.

5 They are but a model and a shadow of the sanctuary in heaven, and they are the ones who serve it. For that matter, when Moses was about to build the tabernacle, he received a sign and was told, "Be careful to make it all according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

The sanctuary, that magnificent temple to which the priests on earth look up to God's majesty, is really only "a model and a shadow of the sanctuary in heaven. It is an imitation, a copy. It is a shadow of the reality. In TV quiz shows, when they ask who the guest is, only a silhouette is shown behind a roll screen, but no matter how hard we look at the shadow, we see only a dark, flat shadow, with no details of shape, depth, color, or expression.

The Bible tells us that an earthly temple, no matter how magnificent, is thus only a model and a shadow.

As the Bible says, "For this reason Moses, when he was building the tabernacle, received a prophecy, saying, 'Be careful to make it all according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. This is exactly what it says. Moses carefully built the Tabernacle according to the pattern, not according to the actual building. But in heaven there is a far superior tabernacle, a holy tabernacle, a true, real, authentic, and dependable tabernacle. And there, as High Priest, is Jesus.

6 But Christ, however, has obtained a far superior ministry. 6 But Christ has obtained a far more excellent ministry, because he has become the mediator of an even more excellent covenant, which was established on the basis of an even more excellent promise.

7 For if the first covenant had not been lacking, there would have been no room for the second.

8 But God reproveth them, saying, "Behold, the days are coming, saith the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

9 It shall not be like the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. Because they would not abide in my covenant, says the LORD, neither did I regard them.

Verse 7 contains the bold declaration that there was "a deficiency in the first covenant. The law that the Lord gave to His people could not have been lacking. Why would God say that His righteous and perfect covenant was broken?

God calls the "covenant I made with their fathers in the day that I took their hands and led them out of the land of Egypt" a useless, unfruitful, and lacking covenant "because they would

not abide in My covenant.

God hears the cries of His people in the midst of their slavery in Egypt, in the midst of their extreme toil, and says, "I took the hand of their fathers and led them out of the land of Egypt. Like a father who takes the hand of his weak and feeble infant and leads it out of danger, the Lord has led his people out of Egypt with great strength. And yet, what happened to that "covenant that I made with them in the day that I led them out," that "they would not abide in My covenant"?"

He brought that stubborn king of Egypt to his knees with ten miracles, led him by a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud, divided the Red Sea into two, defeated the Egyptian cavalry, gave food and drink to the people in the wilderness, and indeed, for 40 years, without their clothes being worn out, their feet being cleared, or them starving, the Lord patiently led that stubborn people and brought them into the promised land The Lord patiently led the stubborn people and brought them into the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 8:2 You shall remember all the way that the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness for these forty years. It was to afflict thee and to try thee, to know thy heart, and to know whether thou wilt keep his commandments or not.

8:3 So the LORD afflicted thee, and made thee hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know. 8:4 And he did it that thou mightest know that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD.

8:4 For forty years thy garments were not worn out, neither were thy feet healed.

8:5 Thou shalt also be mindful that the LORD thy God will train thee, as a man trains his son.

8:6 Thou shalt keep the command of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways, and fear him.

8:7 For the LORD thy God will bring thee into a good land. 8:7 For the LORD thy God will bring thee into a good land, a land of streams of water flowing out of valleys and mountains, of fountains and of pools,

8:8 A land of wheat, and barley, and grapes, and figs, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive trees, and honey,

8:9 A land where thou shalt have no lack of food to eat, and where there shall be no want. The stones of the land are iron, and from its mountains you can dig for copper.

8:10 And thou shalt eat, and be satisfied, and shalt give thanks unto the LORD thy God, that he hath given thee of his good land.

8:11 Thou shalt be careful not to forget the LORD thy God, lest this day thou keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which I command thee.

In verse 9, God says, "Because they have not abided in my covenant, neither have I counted them worthy," and yet, while condemning the unbelieving people for their stubbornness, He says in verse 8, "Behold, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah." God said, "Behold, the day is coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

9 It will not be like the covenant I made with them in the day that I took the hand of their fathers and led them out of the land of Egypt. For they would not abide in my covenant, says the LORD, and I did not turn from them.

10 This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will put my law in their thoughts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God and their God. Thus will I be their God, and they will be my people.

It is a new covenant through the Lord's redemption, written by example, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of hearts, for the sake of a people who are stubborn in the extreme.

2 Corinthians 3:6 For God has given us power to be servants of a new covenant. It is not those who serve the letter, but those who serve the spirit. The letter kills, but the spirit makes alive.

3:13 And he will not do as Moses did, who covered his face, lest the children of Israel should see the end of that which is vanishing.

3:14 Indeed, their thoughts were dulled. To this day, when they recite the old covenant, that same covering remains unremoved. It is only in Christ that it is removed.

3:15 Even to this day, whenever the book of Moses is recited, the covering remains on their hearts.

3:16 But when they turn to the Lord, the covering is removed.

3:17 For the LORD is a spirit. And where His Spirit is, there is freedom.

3:18 And we shall all be transformed into His likeness from glory to glory, beholding His glory as in a mirror, without covering our faces. This is the work of the Lord, the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 30:10 For thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, and shalt keep the commandments and the statutes which are written in this book of the law, and shalt return unto the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

30:11 This commandment which I command thee this day is not hard, neither is it far off.

30:12 For it is not in heaven; therefore we say not, Who shall go up to heaven for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

30:13 And since it is not beyond the sea, we do not say, "Who will go across the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?"

30:14 The word is very near unto thee, and is in thy mouth, and in thy heart: therefore thou mayest do it.

30:15 Behold, I have set before thee this day life and blessing, and death and woe.

30:16 I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances. If thou shalt obey them, thou shalt live, and thy number shall be great. And the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land which thou shalt take.

Thus will I be their God, and they will be my people. What depth of words! What deep love and compassion of God, what true love of one-sided grace and patience that asks nothing in return!

11 And they will cease to teach each one his brethren, and each one his brother, saying, Know the Lord. For they will come to know Me in every thing, from the greater to the lesser.

When you are forgiven of your sins through the atonement of the cross of Jesus and the Holy Spirit is poured out on you, you will be given the following power support of the Word of God. Acts 1:8 Only when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth.

We will know the Lord God as He is known to us. When we believe in Jesus as the Son of God, the Sent One of God, and God Himself, we come to know God.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Philip, have I been with you this long and you do not understand me? He who has seen Me has seen the Father. Why do you ask us to show you the Father?"

14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am speaking to you, I am not speaking from myself. The Father is in me, and he is doing his work.

14:11 Believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me. If you cannot believe it, believe

by the works themselves.

14:12 I say unto you well and truly, He that believeth in me, believeth also in me. He who believes in me will also do the works that I am doing. Not only that, but he will do greater deeds. 11 And I will come to the Father.

12 I will have mercy on their iniquities, and will remember their sins no more.

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Let us savor the words of this merciful God. We owe this to Jesus' atonement. By His own blood, Jesus has established for us a new covenant of salvation that is unshakable.

Luke 22:20 After the meal, He did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant made in My blood, which is shed for you.

13 By saying, "New," God made the covenant of the beginning old. What is old in years will eventually disappear.

God, who has mercy on our iniquities, has called His perfect covenant lacking, old, stale, and soon to disappear, etc., and has given us an even better salvation through Jesus Christ, the even better High Priest. What grace! Let us also follow in the footsteps of this precious One, in awe and gratitude to Him who brought us this new covenant.

2 Corinthians 4:1 Do not be discouraged, for in this way we have received mercy and have entered into this ministry,

4:2 Casting off shameful and hidden things, walking not by craftiness, perverting not the word of God, but revealing the truth, recommending ourselves to God's presence and to the conscience of all men.

4:3 For if our gospel is a covering, it is a covering for those who perish.

4:4 For in their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the brightness of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

4:5 But we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. We ourselves are only your servants working for Jesus.

4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has illuminated our hearts to reveal

the knowledge of the glory of God that shines in the face of Christ.

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the immeasurable power may be manifested, which is of God, and not of us: for we are not of the world, nor of the Father, nor of the Father, but of God.

4:8 We are afflicted on every side, but we are not afflicted; we are at our wits' end, but we are not at a loss. 4:8 We are not at our wits' end, nor do we come to a standstill.

4:9 Though we be persecuted, we shall not be forsaken; though we be overthrown, we shall not perish. Though we be overthrown, we shall not perish.

4:10 For we have always borne the death of Jesus in our body. 4:11 For the life of Jesus also will appear in him.

4:11 For we who are alive are continually being handed over to death for Jesus' sake. 4:11 For we who live are continually being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies.

4:12 Thus death works in us, and life in you.

4:13 "I have believed; therefore have I spoken. Therefore I have believed; therefore I have spoken," and we believe because we have the same spirit of faith. Therefore we speak.

4:14 For we know that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up with him, and will stand with you.

4:15 For all things are for your good, and as grace increases to more and more people, thanksgiving will abound to the glory of God.

4:16 Therefore we will not be discouraged, for we know that those who are outside of us will not be discouraged. 4:16 Therefore we are not discouraged, for though our outward man perish, our inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For this little tribulation shall work, that we may have an abundance of eternal and exceeding glory.

4:18 We look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen endures forever.

Hosea 6:1 "Come, let us return to the Lord. For he hath rent us asunder, and he shall heal us again; he hath smitten us, and he shall encircle us again.

6:2 He will keep us alive after the diphtheria, and on the third day he will make us stand. And we shall live in his presence.

6:3 Let us know the LORD, and let us seek to know him. He will surely appear like tomorrow's light, and will come upon us like the winter rain, and will moisten the earth like the spring rain.



From today's sermon.

Today we are in Hebrews 8. The beginning of the sentence, "The main point of what I have said above," begins the sermon.

He then goes on to speak of angels, Moses, Melchizedek, and Jesus, who has an overwhelming presence in comparison to all of them, and finally concludes by speaking of Jesus Christ, the High Priest who is available in the Holy of Holies, the true tabernacle in heaven above the high priests who preside over the earthly temples.

There is a sanctuary in heaven that far surpasses the earthly sanctuary. Even the magnificent temples on earth are but a model and a shadow.

The high priest of the earthly sanctuary also plays an important role, but Christ has obtained a far superior ministry and has become the mediator of a far more victorious covenant based on a far more victorious promise.

At the time of the Exodus, God gave the Ten Commandments to the people through Moses, and God took His hand to lead the people out of Egypt. However, the people did not want to stay in that covenant.

So God gave them a new covenant. God gave us a new covenant, one in which the Holy Spirit would confirm God's thoughts deep in our hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people," and "they will know me at all times. The new covenant, "I will have mercy on their iniquities, and will remember their sins no more," was finally accomplished through Jesus' atonement. We want to keep our eyes on this grace.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Protect our health during this hot summer. Hear that the magnificent temple is also only a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, and that, as such, Christ Jesus has performed a far superior ministry for us, renewing the hearts of the people who were unfaithful to the teachings given by the beneficent God who took our hands and delivered us from Egypt, Thank you, Lord. Thank you for your gracious words, "I will be their God and they will be my people," and "I will forgive their iniquities and remember their sins no more." Bless our families and the people of our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.