

HEBREWS CHAPTER 8 OUTLINE

THE SUPREME MINISTER: JESUS CHRIST, GOD THE SON

Christ is the Exalted High Priest: A Heavenly, Spiritual Ministry, 8:1-5

1. The summary—Christ, the perfect High Priest (v.1a)
2. He is the exalted High Priest: At the right hand of God's throne (v.1b)
3. He is the exalted Minister: Of the true tabernacle (v.2)
4. He is the exalted minister who offers the gifts and sacrifices of men to God (v.3)
5. He is the exalted minister of the real, heavenly world (v.4-5)
 - a. Not according to law (v.4)
 - b. Not just a shadow of the heavenly (v.5)

Christ is the Minister of a New and Superior Covenant, 8:6-13

1. It is founded by a perfect Mediator (v.6a)
2. It is founded on better promises (v.6b)
3. It eliminates the weaknesses of the first covenant (v.7-9)
 - a. The weaknesses: The sinfulness of men (v.8)
 - b. The illustration: Israel (v.9)
4. It is an inward power—a spiritual power (v.10-12)
 - a. The power of a renewed mind and heart (v.10a)
 - b. The power of fellowship and communion with God (v.10b)
 - c. The power of open access into God's presence—for all (v.11)
 - d. The power of forgiveness for sins (v.12)
5. It makes the first covenant obsolete (v.13)

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Christ is the Minister of the Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle or Sanctuary, 9:1-14

1. The earthly sanctuary or tabernacle: Was for divine worship, but it was only an earthly sanctuary (v.1-10)
 - a. The outer sanctuary: The Holy Place (v.2)
 - 1) The candlestick (v.2a)
 - 2) The table of the shewbread (v.2b)
 - b. The inner sanctuary: The Holy of Holies (v.3-5)
 - 1) The golden censer (v.4a)
 - 2) The ark of the covenant (v.4b-5)
 - c. The priests entered the Holy Place daily and carried out their ministry and acts of worship (v.6)
 - d. The High Priest alone entered the Holy of Holies and that only once a year (v.7)
 - e. The inadequacies or lessons of the earthly sanctuary and worship (v.8-10)
 - 1) The way into God's presence was not yet open (v.8)
 - 2) The approach to God through gifts and sacrifices could not perfect worshippers (v.9)

- 3) The great day of reformation—the day when imperfect worship would be transformed into perfect worship—could not be brought about by earthly worship (v.10)

2. The heavenly sanctuary or tabernacle (v.11-14)

- a. The perfect High Priest: He ministers with better things (v.11a)
- b. A perfect sanctuary: Not made with hands (v.11b)
- c. A perfect sacrifice (v.12)
 - 1) Sacrificed His own blood (v.12a)
 - 2) Sacrificed Himself once (v.12b)
 - 3) Secured redemption for us (v.12c)
- d. A perfect salvation (v.13-14)
 - 1) The earthly sanctuary and worship purified only the flesh (v.13)
 - 2) The heavenly sanctuary and worship purify a person, even his conscience (v.14a)
 - 3) The heavenly sanctuary and worship lead a person to serve God (v.14b)

Christ is the Minister and Mediator of the New Covenant, 9:15-22

1. Jesus Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant (v.15)

- a. How: By death—through redemption (v.15a)
- b. The reasons (v.15b-c)
 - 1) To forgive past sins (v.15b)
 - 2) To give an eternal inheritance (v.15c)

2. Argument 1: A will is not in effect until the testator's death (v.16-17)

3. Argument 2: The institution of the first covenant shows that all things are cleansed by blood (v.18-22)

- a. Illustration 1: Moses' dedication of the covenant (v.19-20)
- b. Illustration 2: Moses' dedication of the tabernacle (v.21)
- c. The point: Without shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness (v.22)

Christ is the Minister and Mediator of the Perfect Sacrifice for Sins (Part I), 9:23-28

1. Jesus Christ purifies everything, even the very things of heaven (v.23-24)

- a. The earthly sanctuary had to be purified (v.23a)
- b. The heavenly sanctuary had to be purified (v.23b)
- c. Jesus Christ appeared in heaven in the presence of God for us (v.24)

2. Jesus Christ does not offer a repeated sacrifice (v.25-26)

- a. The earthly high priests had to sacrifice often (v.25)
- b. Jesus Christ has once appeared upon earth to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (v.26)

3. Jesus Christ bore the penalty of judgment for man (v.27-28)

- a. Man dies and then comes judgment (v.27)
- b. Jesus Christ was once offered to bear the sins and judgment for man (v.28a)
- c. Jesus Christ shall come to earth a second time and save those who look for him (v.28b)