

Hebrews 8

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The New Covenant

¹ Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

² A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

³ For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

⁴ For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

⁵ Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

⁶ But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

⁸ For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

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 continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Covenant — διαθήκη (Diatheke)

Covenant, testament

The Greek **diatheke** (διαθήκη) means covenant or testament—a binding arrangement. The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34) is ratified by Christ's blood, surpassing the old (Hebrews 8:6-13).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Iniquity — ἀνομία (Anomia)

Lawlessness, iniquity

The Greek **anomia** (ἀνομία) means lawlessness—disregard for God's law. 'Sin is the transgression of the law' (1 John 3:4). Christ 'gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity' (Titus 2:14).

Law — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Priest — ἱερεύς (Hiereus)

Priest

The Greek **hiereus** (ἱερεύς) means priest. Christ is our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14) after the order of Melchizedek, and believers form a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9).

Sacrifice — θυσία (Thusia)

Sacrifice, offering

The Greek **thusia** (θυσία) means sacrifice or offering. Christ offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice 'once for all' (Hebrews 10:10), ending the need for repeated animal sacrifices.

Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Hebrews 8:2 **Temple:** Exodus 33:7; 2 Corinthians 5:1. **Truth:** Romans 15:8

Hebrews 8:3 **Sacrifice:** Hebrews 5:1; 7:27; Ephesians 5:2. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 9:14; Titus 2:14

Hebrews 8:4 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 5:1; Numbers 16:40; 18:5

Hebrews 8:5 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 9:9; 10:1; Exodus 25:40; 27:8; 1 Chronicles 28:19; Colossians 2:17. **Temple:** Exodus 26:30. **References God:** Hebrews 11:7; 1 Chronicles 28:12.

References Moses: Numbers 8:4

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Covenant: Hebrews 7:22; 12:24; Luke 22:20; Romans 9:4; Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 1:4

Hebrews 8:7 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 7:11; 7:18. **Covenant:** Hebrews 8:6; Galatians 3:21

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