

# The New and Better Way

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Hebrews 8:1-9:10 | Anchored: The Book of Hebrews

## Review

Jesus our Great High Priest, is sitting and servicing (8:1-2), rather than standing and performing (10:11).

## Difference between Old Covenant & New Covenant

	Old Covenant:	New Covenant:
Worship and glory centered in:	<u>Earthly tabernacle</u>	<u>The heart</u>
Source of obedience:	The <u>Law</u>	The <u>Spirit</u>
Forgiveness based on:	Ongoing <u>sacrifices</u>	Jesus' <u>perfect sacrifice</u>
Blessing dependent on:	<u>National integrity and priestly purity</u>	Obedience from the <u>heart</u> .
Current Effect:	<u>Obsolete</u>	<u>Permanent</u>

**The Big Question: Has your heart been changed?**

## Discussion Guide & Questions from Hebrews 8:1-9:10

1. In what ways does Jesus have a superior priestly ministry than the Levitical priesthood established in the Old Covenant?
2. Based on verses 7-8, why did the Old Covenant need to be replaced for the people?
3. In verses 8-12, the writer of Hebrews quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34. What are you most thankful for about the New Covenant? Discuss.
4. The book of Hebrews was written to Jewish believers who faced the temptation to return to Old Covenant observances. How do you explain the “pull” backward to a former religious observance or philosophy of life? In what ways is this a temptation “common to man” (1 Corinthians 10:13). In what ways might you feel a “pull” to turn back to your own former ways of religion or philosophy of life?
5. The first step in embracing a new truth is admitting your lack without it. What was the lack which the Old Covenant eventually revealed, and how does Jesus fill that lack?
6. Unlike the Jewish people who observed the Old Covenant, God has given all believers the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). How should the reality of the presence of the Holy Spirit change how we think about our sins or failures?
7. From verse 13: In the Old Covenant, the motivation for religious and social life surrounded the priestly system of observances and sacrifices. What is the proper motivation for a believer in the New Covenant whose living is no longer motivated by a now “obsolete” system?

Songs for Meditation:

- “His Mercy is More” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1GiZL60c80>
- “I am Thine O Lord” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMrgaV9ppqUo>