

Lesson 8: Study Questions – Hebrews 8:1-13

Heb. 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;⁵ who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “SEE,” He says, “THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.”⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.⁸ For finding fault with them, He says,

“BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT
WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;
9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS
ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND
TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;
FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,
AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.
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 INTO THEIR MINDS,
AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
11 “AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,
AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’
FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME,
FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.
12 “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES,
AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.”
13 When He said, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

1. What is the main point in what has been said? (8:1)
2. Where does Jesus minister? Who pitched it? (8:2)
3. What is every high priest appointed to offer? So what was necessary? (8:3)
4. If Jesus were on earth, why would he not be a priest at all? (8:4)
5. What do the priests on earth serve? (8:5a)
6. What was Moses warned by God before erecting the tabernacle? (8:5b)
7. Skim Exodus 25. Why did God command Israel to construct a sanctuary for Him? (Exod 25:8) Who gave them a pattern for the construction of the tabernacle? (Exod 25:9) What did God warn them about its construction? (Exod 5:40)
8. What had Jesus obtained? What does He mediate? What words are used to describe the covenant? (8:6)
9. In the quotation of Jeremiah 31:31, what does God say that He will effect? Who are the parties to the new covenant? (Jer 31:8)
10. What did God promise because He found fault with the first covenant? (8:7-8)
11. How would the new covenant be different? (8:9) When did God establish the Mosaic covenant with their fathers? In what did they not continue? What was the result of their broken covenant with God? (8:9)
12. Describe the terms of the new covenant that God will make with the house of Israel. (8:10) (A) What has the LORD put in your mind? Written on your heart? (8:10)
13. What shall they not teach his fellow citizen and brother? Why? How many will know God? (8:11)
14. How will God show mercy to their iniquities? (8:12)
15. What has become obsolete and is ready to disappear? (8:13)
16. (A) Explain how you personally benefit from the new covenant.
17. (A) Explain what you know about Yahweh. How has He shown you mercy?
18. What do you learn about God? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Heb 8:1-13.