

Prayer Concerns:

The New Covenant

Hebrews 8:1-13

Jesus is our heavenly high priest. [1-6]

The problems with the old covenant. [6-9]

In the old covenant, the Israelites were required to obey God and keep the Law, and in return He forgave and blessed them.

Two problems:

1. It couldn't provide _____ forgiveness.
2. It was _____ for people to _____ God

The new covenant. [10-13]

Through the new covenant, God...

1. Provides us with a _____
2. Makes us His _____
3. Blesses us with a _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. If your car develops chronic problems, are you the type to keep fixing it up, or to buy a new one? How do you decide it's got to go?

Digging Deeper:

Read Hebrews 8:1-13.

1. Where is our Great High Priest now located? What makes that seat so significant? How does Christ's position help you persevere in your faith, particularly in times of trial and suffering?
2. Do you tend to think that Jesus's work for us ended with His death and resurrection? In what ways is Christ still at work? How is His current work significant for your life?
3. From Exodus 19:5-6, 20:1-17, and 29:35-41, what characterized the old covenant administered by the priests? How does the new covenant mediated by Jesus differ (vv. 10-12)?

4. Why was a new covenant needed (vv. 7-9, 13)?
5. What promises does the New Covenant involve (vv. 10-12)?
6. How does the new covenant actually make us better law-keepers? What does that say about the role of grace in our lives?
7. How does God's persistent pursuit of His wayward people encourage you today?

Taking it Home:

1. In what ways do you still find yourself keeping God's law only on an external basis? How does this passage help you?