

# Christ The High Priest

Heb 8:1- 9:10

## 1. Intro

1. Last time we looked at Christ being after the order of Melchizedek.
2. Today we continue to see Jesus as our High Priest and the role He plays which differentiates that between the old and new covenant.

## 2. High Priest

1. Ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true one. (2)
2. Every high priest had to make offerings of gifts and sacrifice (3)
3. He could not be a high priest while He was on earth because they already had one (4)
  1. Their system of worship was a copy (5)
4. He mediates a better covenant (6)

## 3. The Covenants

1. Definition: an agreement between two or more parties to perform a particular action.
2. Covenant made with Abraham before this Sinai covenant
  1. It was between God and Abraham and based upon faith (Gen 15:6,18)
3. At Sinai there was set up a standard and guidelines for life. (7)
  1. It was a perfect standard, good enough to regulate perfectly the heart and conduct of man in every relationship.
  2. But it was external to man and could not enable him to be or to do what it demanded.
4. Old covenant worship (9:1-10)
  1. Overview of tabernacle worship
  2. Most Holy Place was closed (8)
    1. High priest in once a year (7)
  3. This old system had very much to do with physical regulations (10)
    1. It was weak because of us (imperfect), it failed in the end.
5. God introduces a new covenant
  1. It will be one written on their hearts (10b)
    1. Those that follow will be the “children of Abraham (Gal. 3:7)
  2. In some sense this is a continuation of the covenant with Abraham.
    1. Remember the promise given to Abraham, through your seed all will be blessed (Gen 22:16-18; Acts 3:24-26; Gal 3:8-9)
    2. Jesus was the one that is being talked about
    3. Abraham saw something about this future blessing (John 8:56)
  3. Jesus introduces this new covenant to the disciples (Luke 22:20). Compare (Ex 24:8).

## 4. Conclusion

1. Our focus must always be on Jesus, our High Priest
  1. It is only through Him that we can enter the most Holy Place
2. The old covenant showed us our sin and our need for one to intercede on our behalf.