

GREATER THAN . . . CHANGE OR DIE

2.3.19

If you had to make big changes in your life today in order to avoid death tomorrow, could you do it? That might seem rather drastic, but the people addressed by the author of Hebrews were having a hard time making the change. In fact, they were drifting backwards, instead of moving forward.

Hebrews 8:1-13

* Better One (vv. 1-2)

This is the author's main point and a helpful review on who is better!

✓ Jesus as high priest ✓ sat = finished

✓ Right Hand = honor/authority

✓ Heaven set up by the Lord.

* Better Way (vv. 3-6)

Again, there is a comparison between the old and the new!

<u>Old</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
Offered <u>many sacrifices</u>	Offered <u>himself</u>
Focus on <u>external</u>	Focus on <u>eternal</u>
<u>Physical</u> building	<u>spiritual</u> dwelling
<u>Limited</u> promises	<u>Limitless</u> promises

* Better Promises

This is the longest, continuous Old Testament prophecy recorded in the New Testament. It is so clear and profound, that no explanation was needed.

The New Covenant

1) Our faith begins and grows on the inside (v.10)

Ezekiel 36:25-27

✓ more than commandments; it is a conversation

2) The essence of our faith is relationship with God. (v.11)

John 17:3

✓ more than religion; it is a relationship

3) The foundation is built on _____ (v.12)

Acts 10:43

✓ more than failure; it is forgiveness

Reflective Questions:

- 1) What is something old you cherish; what is something new you want?
- 2) Why are we prone to go back to what we are used to?
- 3) What stands out to you in our study of Hebrews 8? Why?
- 4) What aspect of the New Covenant do you need to believe the most? Why?



