

**Hebrews 8** March 12, 2017 We will discuss the questions that are **bold** and **underlined**.

**1. Read Hebrews 8:1-6 “We do have such a high priest” in verse 1 refers to the descriptions of Jesus in Hebrews 7:23-28. What additional facts do we learn about Him (vs 1-2)?**

2. What is Christ’s heavenly ministry defined (vs 3-6)? How do you respond to this picture of Christ?

**3. How do earthly temples and tabernacles compare with the heavenly sanctuary in which Christ is now serving? (vs 5-6)**

4. Verse 6 looks back to prove Christ’s superior ministry and forward to prove we have a superior covenant with God. What was the problem with the first covenant?

**5. Read Heb 8:7-13. Here, the writer quotes extensively from the prophecies in Jeremiah 31:31-34, contrasting the old and new covenants. What are the main promises God is making about what “He will” do in this new covenant? If possible choose one statement that is most meaningful for you?**

6. How do you think the original hearers of this message from Jeremiah would have reacted to this news? How do you think the readers felt upon being reminded in Hebrews of these promises that have since been fulfilled?

**7. Which do you believe is easier to function under external constraint (e.g. the law) or inner constraint (e.g. God’s Spirit) (v. 10)? Why?**

**8. What are the benefits of the new covenant? (vs 12) How would you put the truth of this verse in your own words based on your own experience?**

9. Throughout, the writer uses Old Testament to buttress the arguments in Hebrews. In what ways can your studies of the Old Testament help you to grow in Christ?

10. How do you think you might view sin differently if you were still required to bring animal sacrifices to the priest on an ongoing basis? How is the new covenant promise of grace better?

**11. The distinctive mark of God’s children is that they know Him (vs 11). How does the new covenant effect internal heart change? How does such knowledge transform your life?**