

Jesus  
Is Supreme



**Better!**

Hebrews 8:1-13

# Whole Information

- ★ Hebrews answering questions we aren't asking
- ★ To live in faith need info & wisdom
  - ◆ How it applies to daily life
- ★ Hebrews explains Jesus' ministry
- ★ Analogy – Coronavirus pandemic
  - ◆ Knowledge applied in different situations

# 1. Better Priest

- ✦ Jesus is greater in person & ministry
  - ◆ Law appoints men in weakness
  - ◆ God appoints his son by an oath
- ✦ A High Priest who is “seated” (v 1)
  - ◆ Implies work completed
  - ◆ But he continues to “minister” (v 2)

# 1. Better Priest ...

- ★ Explains *where* he does his service (ministry)
  - ◆ Levitical priests serve in a “copy”
  - ◆ Jesus ministers in the “true tent” (v 2)
    - ◆ Tabernacle made according to a pattern (Exod 25:40)
- ★ Jesus is a better High Priest because
  - ◆ He did not need to offer sacrifice for his own sins
  - ◆ He ministers in the Heavenly sanctuary

## 2. Better Covenant

- ✦ Jesus' ministry is "more excellent" (v 6)
- ✦ Jeremiah 31:31-34 – establish a New Covenant
  - ◆ They were unable to uphold their part
- ✦ Final part of v 9 not well translated
  - ◆ Imply God gave up on them
  - ◆ Better: "did not heed [their rebellion]"
  - ◆ God turned towards them – cared all the more

### 3. Better Promises

- ✦ Failure of Israel ... “remember no more” (v 12)
- ✦ God will put his law in their hearts and minds
  - ◆ Obey the essence of the commandments
    - ◇ Love God with heart, mind, soul (Dt 6:5, Mt 22:37)
  - ◆ “I will be their God, they will be my people” (v 10)
    - ◇ Picked up in Ezekiel 36:28
  - ◆ God will write his law through the Holy Spirit

### 3. Better Promises ...

- ★ We will each know the Lord personally
  - ◆ Jesus told his disciples to “teach” (Matt 28:20)
  - ◆ NT affirms role of leader/teacher (1 Ti 5:17)
  - ◆ Writer of Hebrews also affirms this (13: 7, 17)
- ★ We do not need an intermediary
  - ◆ We have direct access to God through Jesus
  - ◆ Different to the old system

# Living It –

Because

- ◆ We have a better High Priest

and because

- ◆ We have a better covenant

based on

- ◆ Better promises

**We have direct, personal access to God.**

# Living It –

- ★ It is intimate, but it is also attentive
  - ◆ The purpose is we live in this deep relationship
  - ◆ We must lay hold of it in the power of the Spirit
  - ◆ Hear his voice: “remember sins no more” (v 12)
- ★ We are reconciled to God
  - ◆ The old is “obsolete” (v 13) – there is no going back