

Hebrews 8 (March 8, 2026)

“Jesus’ superior position and His superior sanctuary are clear evidences of His superior ministry. The Old Covenant was an impersonal, external legal code written on tablets of stone and given to a nation that merely provided for the temporary covering of sin. The New Covenant, on the other hand, promised an internal law written on the hearts of individuals. It provided full and final forgiveness of sin. And, more importantly, it also provided a new power for individuals to live as they ought. With this in mind, why should anyone be satisfied with the old priesthood and sacrifices (which are only copies and shadows) when they can have real forgiveness and real reconciliation in Jesus Christ?” Hebrews: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, p. 61

Read Hebrews 8:1-6

1. According to Hebrews 8:1, what is the main point that the author of Hebrews is making? How does that specifically impact your thoughts and actions?
2. According to Hebrews 8:1-2, where is Jesus now and what is He doing?
3. From the following verses, what details are affirmed or added about Jesus’ priestly ministry?
 - *Hebrews 1:3, and 10:12
 - *Romans 8:33-34 and Hebrews 7:25
 - *Exodus 15:6 and Ephesians 1:20-23
4. From Hebrews 8:3, what is the responsibility of a high priest, and what does that mean regarding the priesthood of Jesus? (See Hebrews 5:1 and 7:25-27)

5. How can the knowledge that Jesus is presently seated at the right hand of God and ministers before God on behalf of believers calm your fears concerning world events, personal or family difficulties and trials, and even your own sin?