

## LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

**The High Priest of the New Covenant     Hebrews 8**

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

**Day 1: Read Hebrews 8:1,2.**

1. Verses 1 and 2 refer to the previous section comparing Jesus to the priest Melchizedek. What do we learn here about Jesus and his priesthood?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
2. Being “seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty” symbolizes the finished work of Jesus.
  - A. What was this completed work? (Romans 8:1–4; Hebrews 7:27)
  - B. How is Jesus serving now? (Hebrews 7:25b; Romans 8:34b)

**Day 2: Read Hebrews 8:1–6.**

3. Compare and contrast the two different sanctuaries that are mentioned in these verses.
4. Why was Moses given such explicit instructions in Exodus for building the first tabernacle?

5. In which tabernacle (or sanctuary) does this passage tell us Jesus is serving? (vss. 1,2) Whose ministry is his superior to? (vs. 6)

**Day 3: Read Hebrews 8:6; Exodus 19:3–8; Genesis 17:1–14; Galatians 3:15–25.**

6. Jesus is called a mediator in verse 6. What is he a mediator of?
7. Who is the mediator of the covenant given at Mt. Sinai? What were the conditions of this covenant? (Exodus 19:3–8)
8. God has always dealt with his people through covenants. Read about his covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17:1–14. What were the conditions of this covenant?
9. Read Galatians 3:15–25.
  - A. Which covenant (“promise”) does the author say is eternal? (vs. 17)
  - B. Which covenant (“law”) has only a temporary hold? (vss. 24,25)
  - C. How does the new covenant, mediated by Jesus, relate to the covenant given to Abraham? (vs. 22)

**Day 4: Read Hebrews 8:7–13; Galatians 3:21–22.**

10. Why was there a need for a new covenant? What was “wrong” with the “first covenant” (i.e., the one given to Moses at Sinai)?

Heb. 8:8a

Heb. 8:9b

Gal. 3:21-22

11. What distinguishes the new covenant from the old?

Heb. 8:10

Heb. 8:11

Heb. 8:12

12. This section is a quotation from Jeremiah 31. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

**Day 5: Read Hebrews 8:10–12; 2 Corinthians 3:2–18.**

13. Read the Corinthians passage as an “alleluia” to the glory of the new covenant described in Hebrews 8. The new covenant is called “the ministry of the Spirit” in this passage. What effect does it have on believers?

14. What does the image of the veil explain?

15. How has God unveiled your heart? What effect has this unveiling had on your life and outlook?