



A better covenant

Hebrews 8:1-13

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Newly highered priest

- 8:1 This is really the crux of the Hebrews sermon. It's all about Jesus
- Earthly priests can't get over the recursive offering problem (I offer a sacrifice so that I can be worthy to offer a sacrifice...)
- Jesus is not an absent historical figure, he is our current high priest, offering sacrifices for us now
- This is part of the reason why he left the earth once he had been resurrected
- Jesus is high priest under a different structure. He is a most excellent minister (servant).





Now is the discount of our winter tents

- Begins dropping in the idea of there being a 'true tent', which was the pattern from which Moses' temple was derived.
- Originally this idea had shown the legitimacy of Moses' tent because it was a copy of the original
- The same words are used here to show that the first tent was a copy, and now that the 'true' tent has been revealed the old is obsolete. (The old was not useless, and the new does not mean that the old was pointless.)





Fault line

- Writer uses 'fault' as a connector to quote from Jeremiah
- Prophecy in Jeremiah and it's reference in Hebrews are the connectors between the OT and NT
- Old covenant came with blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. (eg. Deut 11:26-28)
- The failure of the OT was the failure of God's covenant people (e.g. Is. 5)





Something borrowed, something new

- To make a better covenant, God had to overcome the weaknesses of the old
- A sinful high priest was replaced with the perfect high priest
- Offerings are made at the 'original' perfect temple
- Sin was no longer the break clause
- Obedience was no longer a requisite of the covenant, it was the outcome
- The law was transformed from handcuffs to foodstuffs
- Knowledge of God will be ubiquitous


