

# *The Book of Hebrews*

## Chapter Eight

Verse:

- 1. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;*
- 2. A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.*
- 3. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man has somewhat also to offer.*
- 4. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:*
- 5. Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, see, says he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed you in the mount.*
- 6. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*
- 7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.*
- 8. For finding fault with them, he said, Behold the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*
- 9. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, said the Lord.*
- 10. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people;*
- 11. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*
- 12. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and to their sins, and their iniquities will I remember no more.*
- 13. In that he said, a new covenant he hath made the first old. Now that which decays and waxed old is ready to vanish away.*

This is a powerful piece of scripture. Everyone accuses Paul of writing new things. All Paul does is to go back and take the Old Testament scripture and bring them into a reality in our life today. That was the purpose of those scriptures they were for shadows and types, and Paul after the revelation of Jesus Christ said that he no longer conferred with flesh and blood, but by the Spirit everything was done. And by the Spirit he was taught in the wilderness for three and one half years and that was just the starting point and then he got another fourteen years before God pulled him into service. I

can see that he had seventeen years before he was ever called by the Holy Spirit *'separate Paul and Barnabas for me for the work that I have called them to do'*. So we don't need to get in a hurry but what we need to do is to make sure that we know what we are doing is what God has said. Paul took the scripture from the Old Testament letter and law and brought it into the reality of flesh and blood today, and that is all that he was doing. He was making it live to us not just dead letters on a piece of paper. The church, up to this point, has kept this as a history book, or a storybook to teach the kids about these old stories that happened thousands of years of years ago. Those will never change your life. If you don't know to assimilate this into your life you will never change by just reading this as a story book. You've got to know that this is a parable that teaches you and trains you in the ways and nature of God so that you can be as He is. If I don't know how His nature is how can I be that way? That is why it is so perverted in the church realm today because everyone has a view and an opinion of what God is and they did not get it out of this book. They got it out of the bottomless pit. They say, 'well I believe this'. Well that is fine, but can you verify that anywhere? Have you got any verification in scripture that you're opinion is right? It is sad to say that most of them can't. If they would just go to the book. You see this book was written for a reason. There are over a half-million words in there. Why do you think God wrote a book so big if we are just supposed to live out of our own mind? Do you think God is stupid? I don't. I think He published this thing for a reason. It is so we could know that our mind is deceitful and more wicked than anything on the face of the earth. Why do you think that I go back to these scriptures I am teaching? I can stand and quote scripture to you all day, but you know I don't trust my mind, but I do trust Him. I've had people tell me that I should get away from that book and stand before people and be able to just talk and forget the book as many hours as you spend studying it. My response was, 'yeah, how long would it take for one word and then two words, and then forty words, and then five thousand words, all of my own to get put in there'? I can always go back to the book and know it is a foundation. It is a square, it is a plum bob, it's a level, and it always keeps me in line. In Psalm 119 verse 165 I would like to show you something in this. If you can assimilate this verse in your heart you will change. Just this one little thing and you will change. I will read it to you in the King James translation and then I'm going to read it again as God showed it to me. A man prophesied this into mine and Lois's life several years ago. *'Great peace have they which love thy law (which is the word of God) and nothing shall offend them.* (Nothing shall offend who? – Those who love thy law, God's word). Now I would like to read to you

what God put in my heart and this is the way God expounded it to me. *'Abundant health prosperity and peace have they which have a strong and emotional desire to possess and be in the presence of God's direction, teaching, and instruction, and nothing exists no stumbling block, no obstacle, no enticement, or idol that could cause them to fall away from God'*. Now that means more to me and I can understand more of that. We've got to come to a place where we realize that this word of God is the foundation. It says that Jesus is the word of God and it said that he is the foundation so how can we get away from him and his foundation? Do you build a house and then tear the foundation out? Your house will not stand. We've got to stay with the word and if you do not believe that, then I can't help you. I had a lady come to me one time and she had problems and she said, 'fix me, you are a man of God, fix me'. I said, 'well God's word says', and she shouted, 'I don't want to hear God's word I just want you to fix me so I can go on and live my life'. I told her that if I was a magician I would help her, but since I am a man of God I can only do one thing and minister to you by one thing and minister by the Spirit of God through His word and if you don't want that I have nothing to do. I told her that I could love her but I couldn't help her change because she wanted to keep the mind she had and not change to the mind of Christ. I only have one thing and that is the gift of the word of God and that is the best thing in the world and she didn't want it. There are people who do these things.

Vs 1 *'Now (or but) of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: literally it should say,'* this is the main point'. Now of all the things he said, and I can't go back and reiterate all the things he said in the first seven chapters, but if you read this or go back through and read up to this point you will understand that he is speaking about the priesthood here. It is speaking of a priest. He says, 'because I've said all of this, this is the main point. *'We have such a high priest'* that I have been telling you about in these first seven chapters. This is not something that some day maybe we'll have a priest. The Jewish culture still believes that we're still looking because they believe that the Messiah has not yet come and the church world says, 'yes we have a messiah' (and they really don't believe it because they are still looking for him to come at any moment in the sky). So do they really believe that the messiah has come? They speak that Jesus is in their heart, but he will appear on the scene one of these days or at any moment. You see they are just saying words. They have memorized something that someone has told them. If you have this experience with God and that is God living in your life no one will have to tell you that He is there. No one

should have to tell you everyday that God is in your life. We should know this and no one should be able to take that away. That is something that no one can take from you. This is a personal experience. It is an individual working it out themselves. Being a teacher of the word I am a gift to the body of Christ. I am here to help you to grow into maturity. I am not here to tell you what to do. I am not here to dominate or control your life. I am here to say, 'this is the way and I'm going to walk in it and if I walk in it follow me, and if I don't, don't follow me'. It is as simple as that. If you see me not doing it don't follow me. Just as Jesus is the pattern of the body of Christ and if his head is going one way which way will the feet be going? The same path. We've got to walk the same way. I can't walk in a mixed pattern my body has to go where my head tells it to go. So we have got to know that we have a priest such as he is teaching us about. '*Who is set on high on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty (it should say 'God') in the heavens;*' Jesus is not sitting on the throne of some mystic 'whoo whoo' thing. He is sitting on the right hand of the Father, and that is not literally an old man sitting on a big chair (or golden throne) and a good looking thirty two year old guy with long hair and beautiful blue eyes sitting beside him. That is not him you see because God is all of this – ONE – there is only one throne. Now it states he sat at the right hand of the throne in the heavens. Now where does God dwell? In the heavens in us. So 'hello heavens'. God is living in the heavens. It is not singular the heaven, but the heavens plural. That is not several levels it is just in all of His people. That is where God dwells and Jesus is sat at the right hand of that. Now why is he seated there? Because he is the mediator. Now are you getting a purpose for your life yet? What is your purpose? How about a mediator? What are we called to do? To reconcile creation. 'We' the mediator between God and humanity. That is our job. We are going to bring back the rest of them. The ones that have got away, we are going to bring them back.

Vs 2 '*A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man*'. The word 'minister' should be servant. In our culture today we say 'minister' and the thoughts go directly to saying, 'oh yeah that's the guy who is up real high and sits upon a high platform and looks down at everyone and tells everyone how smart he is and how dumb everyone else is'. That is not what Jesus came to do. He came to be a servant in the sanctuary. Now take it outside of a building and put it inside of yourself. Where does he dwell? He is in you to be a servant to you, first. You first have to let him serve you before you can serve someone else. You can't say, 'well I've got this figured out and a now I'm going to go do it'.

You'd better let him serve you first. He is going to serve you a cup that you may not like.

This next verse is not worded very well from the language.

Vs 3 *'Because every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices;'* literally that is not what it says in the language. He is ordained not to offer gifts but it literally says he is ordained to offer sacrifices and then sacrifice it. Now the language says that. Now what does that mean? Under the law I could walk up as a priest and say here God here is the lamb that you want to sacrifice. Now that isn't good enough, until I take the knife and lay it to its throat and sacrifice it. That is what the high priest does. Didn't he say, 'present yourself a living sacrifice'. Oh my. *'Wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat something to offer'*. Now if the priest came to offer something, and the priest took everybody's sacrifice up to the altar didn't he? This is under the old covenant I haven't got to the new covenant yet it will be at the end of this chapter and into the next chapter and it will take you into the new covenant. But under the law the priest had to carry the sacrifice in to the brazen altar. There is the sacrifice, but now he isn't through with it because they bring it to you a 'living' sacrifice and the priest is the one who has to do the killing. That is why I've said for years that a priest has to know how to wield a knife. You have to know how to do some surgery. I practice on fish and deer and things like that, not people. I am not afraid to drawl the knife if I have to. But just taking the sacrifice there is not good enough. Now as Jesus being the mediator, and he is the high priest, I can take my sacrifice to him, but as he is the priest, who has to do the slaughter? He does. Hmm so that means it is out of your hands doesn't it. It means he will make the choice as to when, where, and what will be sacrificed. All you do is show up and say, 'here I am a living sacrifice', and he will take it from there. That is the reality. I am not speaking of something that happened a long time ago because that is just the pattern.

Vs 4 *'Therefore if he were on earth, he would not be a priest'*. There are people that say, 'now if Jesus were here today, how would people reject him'. They are doing it today all over the world and in the church. The church has rejected him, they don't love God, and they love their traditions. In Mark 7:13 it says, *'you make the word of God none effect through your tradition and many such things that you do'*. There are so many traditions in our lives we don't have time for God to get in. What is the foundation of everything that God is doing? The word of God. Why is it when you go to a

church there is everything in it but the word of God? Programs, formulas, doctrines. Why not the word of God? The only thing that will change people is the word of God. There is nothing in the bible that speaks of, Sunday school, young people's meetings, roller skating rinks, rock climbing, bake sales and it doesn't say that any of these things will change anyone. I am not being sarcastic I am just saying the truth. The word is the only way you are going to get to the truth of God. Your heart will never be changed with ideas out of humanity. Human thinking will not change me. I already had stupid human thinking and it never did anything but to make me a mess, but only the mind of God has changed the way I think and I mean I am totally different. How many people do you think went to Jesus and said, 'I really appreciate your sermon this morning'. I think they hung him on a tree with nails. So tell me how much they appreciated his teaching. And it was the church folk that hung him there it wasn't a Roman soldier because they could have released him. The people said, 'oh no crucify him and give us Barabas'. Let's continue on with this verse: *'seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law'*. He is saying that they've already got all of that that they need on the earth. So as, Jesus being here on the earth, he couldn't be the priest because they already felt they had that. Did it do them any good? All the priest could do every year was to tell the people who brought their sacrifice to them was to remind them that they had to bring it again the following year and he would take care of it. I was always a reminder that you were a sinner and you had to come back next year. Sounds like what the church is telling people today. They say that you are a sinner saved by grace. No you are not. Why did he die for if I am the same thing I was before the crucifixion? In essence they are saying that the crucifixion was no good and his blood didn't cleanse you. They say 'make sure you're here next week if you're not, I not sure if you're going to make it or not'. Someone was just sharing with me that they had to go to their pastor and ask him about doing anything in their life for permission to do something. Boy we've all experienced some of this. God in your life should be your judge and your guide not a person. Would anyone disagree that there are plenty of people still living under the law and trying to keep you under the law? There is plenty of that going on and we don't need anymore of that. Look what he says about this in verse five.

Vs 5 *'Who serve unto the example (or pattern) and shadow of heavenly things,'* that is all they are doing is following a pattern and we are beyond that today. When are we going to realize that this is not about a pattern or a shadow or type any longer, but it is the reality of right now. This is not

about Jesus showing up someday in a rapture. We have got to know that he is here now. NOW. *'As Moses was admonished (warned) of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, see, says he, that you make all things according to the pattern shown to you in the mount.'* Now Moses himself was a shadow and a type and a pattern. So he said when you do these things you make sure that they are exactly this way. Why? It was more than obedience. Had he made the pattern of the tabernacle anything other than what God showed him it would not have been a true representation of who Christ was. If he had changed the number of this or the measurement of that it wouldn't have shown the true picture of Christ. Every measurement, every peg, metal, skin, and color that was placed in there was a piece of Christ. Everything in the tabernacle tell about a piece of Christ. So the man had to follow the pattern. I appreciate what Paul spoke of in Acts chapter 20: 20, 27 and 35, 'I have not shunned to declare the whole gospel of God unto you'. Moses gave us the whole gospel in shadow and type. Paul gave it to us in reality. He didn't speak in shadow and type, he did some, but not in all.

Vs 6 *'But now has he obtained a more excellent ministry, as also he is the mediator, (literally the reconciler) of a better covenant which was established on better promise'*. Jesus did not come to minister the law to us. Matthew 5:17 says, *'I did not come to destroy the law, but I came to fulfill the law'*. So we have to realize that he fulfilled he did not destroy. When it is fulfilled it is set aside and that is still in shadows and types. Now we have a priest and a mediator (reconciler) to do the work not just talk about it. Now it is the reality. We are going to do what they've been talking about for four thousand years or almost six thousand years. In this verse it speaks about a better covenant which was established on better promises, now we are going to see some things about covenant and very few people understand covenant. Many think that it is just a promise that someone said. A covenant can't be made without a shedding of blood. Blood is life. If I make covenant with you it doesn't mean that you or I have to die, but there is still a shedding of blood. What do you think that I mean when I speak of a 'shedding of blood'? It means that I have to lay down my life for your life. When I make covenant with you I lay my life on the line **spiritually** and that means that I am not the important one in the relationship. Jesus came and laid his life down and he could have said, 'hey look, I'm the Son of God you all need to bow to me', but what did he say? 'Don't worship me worship God'. You see you have to come to a place in covenant where the "I" is not the important person. In a covenant relationship I am just a part of the

covenant. I will be willing to lay my life down. The ultimate would be both parties laying their lives down. How many people will live covenant? The church world doesn't even know what covenant is because they have made thousands of promises in their life and violated every one of them. And they will say, 'oh that doesn't make any difference that was just so and so'. We have to be willing to make this covenant with someone and it doesn't make any difference if we personally like each other or not, that is not an issue. The question is do we see God in each other. Do I see Christ in your life and if I do then I am covenant with you and my life is on the table so take it. I am here to be your servant in the sanctuary. Covenant is not anything to take lightly. You see even today in our society we take marriages and relationships as something casual. It is our society that has taken and destroyed the covenants of God. God has never changed His mind. God made a covenant with Israel and He said Israel did not keep His covenant, they broke it. But He said that He gave them no regard, but did that mean that He cast them away? God made a covenant with them and His word will not fail. He said that He made a covenant with the House of Israel and those Jewish brothers and sisters, and I don't care how far removed they are from the truth, God's word has not stopped being true. He made a covenant and they will be there. God never said, 'you broke the covenant and I've no longer got an obligation'. He never says that He just didn't regard them of who they should have been.

*Vs 7 'For (because) if the first covenant had been (or literally existed) faultless, then should be no place have been sought for the second'. If that covenant under the law, like Jewish people believe, was perfection then what is the purpose of the second covenant. This is where the Jewish people missed it. Go into their law and read it. Jeremiah 31: 31-34 'Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (Egypt speaks of duality and he wanted to bring them up out of their duality but they didn't want to come); which my covenant they broke, although I was an husband (or a father) unto them, says the Lord; But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days says the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying know the Lord: for they shall **all** know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, says the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and*

*I will remember their sin no more*". Question: Why is the church reminding you of it every day? Why is everyone pointing out your sin? The book says if you are Christ's conscious you will not worry about that stuff. If you're focus is put on the negative guess what you will do? Focus on the negative. I could be focusing on pain, fear, and things coming into my life and it will just bring me down. Where is the life in that? So we have to realize that everything that was said in Jeremiah is going on right here in chapter eight of Hebrews. It is a parallel. There is another verse in John chapter 6:45 *'it is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of (or by) God. Every man therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes to me'*. All shall be taught by God so who does that leave out? Well what about the ones who aren't paying attention? In Timothy it says *'every man in his own order'*. Let it go it is God's order.

Vs 8 *'Because finding fault with them, he said'* now notice when he said *he found fault with them*, He was not speaking about the law. Who was He speaking about? The Jewish people that He found fault with because they broke His covenant. *'Behold the days come,'* now the word 'days' should be 'day' because there is only one 'day' of the Lord and we are in this day of the Lord it started 2000 years ago. It is not a literal period of twenty-four hours. It started when he died on the cross. That was the day of the Lord. It's begun and it hasn't ended yet, but it will. *'Behold the day comes, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:'* Now notice this. Who made the covenant? He did. We didn't have anything to do with this. God made the covenant with us.

Vs 9 *'Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt (or duality); because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, says the Lord'*. So He realized that they didn't want to listen and in one place He speaks about them being hard headed and stiff necked.

Vs 10 *'For this is the covenant that I will make'*. Notice that the word 'I' is not speaking of me or you is it? Who is doing this? I don't see my name or anyone else's name here. That 'I' is God. He said, *'the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel'*. Now while reading this take a pencil and make two columns 1. God's responsibility. 2. Your responsibility and every time that God says that He is going to do something put a mark under the column that is 'God's responsibility and every time you have to do something put a mark under the other column listed as 'Your responsibility'.

So it says, *'this is the covenant that I will make'*, so who made it? God. *'After that day says the Lord I will put my law into their mind'*. Who put the law in your mind? God. *'And write them in your heart'*, so who did that? God. *'And I will be to them a God'*, so are we going to choose Him to be our God or is He going to choose to be our God? God chooses. *'And they shall be to me a people'* (they shall be my people), now is that God saying that you are His or are you saying you are His? God is saying it.

Vs 11 *'And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest'*. He says you're not going to do the teaching, well then who is doing the teaching? God is.

Vs 12 *'For I will be merciful'* who is the mercy coming from? God. *'And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more'*, now who forgave the sins and iniquity? God.

Vs 13 *'In that he said, A new covenant he has made the first (or protos or prototype) old (literally the language says, obsolete).* So he said when he made this covenant, now the law is obsolete. It is still there for the ones who want to believe the law and live in bondage, but the day that Jesus died on the cross two days plus, into the third day something happened what was it? A resurrection, when he came up we have a new covenant. It took the death of the man making the covenant and now this covenant is in full effect. He says, *'now that which is decaying or growing old or is ready (or nearly disappeared).* Now he said *'nearly disappeared'* why? It is because humanity is still hanging on to the strings of the law. But he said there is something better and Jesus died to make it better.

Now if I we look at the columns we made who is going to do everything? I find a huge whopping zero under myself or humanity and I find eight (representing a new beginning) under the other column. So who is going to do this? When you come to a place and realize that in Christ I am no longer under the law. I am free. Does that mean that I have liberty to do anything I want to do? No. You can do it if you want to but Paul says, *'it is not always profitable'*.

We recently were out at a restaurant with several people we know and we were discussing what to do and what not to do. I told them that I can't do several things. The book doesn't tell me that I can't smoke, or that I can't

drink. No where in the book does it say that we can't do either of these things, but I don't do it. But why don't I do it? Because I feel God is going to be mad at me? No. Why do I not do it? It is because of the love of my brethren that I may offend and hurt. Paul said, 'if I offend a brother by eating meat I will never eat meat again. I believe that he meant it. That is why I won't do things that might offend. Someone spoke up and said, 'well you offend a lot of people'. I responded, 'yes, by the word of God'. "*Offenses must come.*" I am not trying to be offensive. If you speak the truth of God you will offend, the truth offends humanity. It is not me. If you look at me doing the offending then you missed it. People want to make their mark, but God said that He had given us 6000 years and what has anyone done? Tell me something **humanity** has done to change things to be any better than they were 6000 years ago. Have they? So God comes along and says, 'okay I gave you the law to show you something. I gave you the law so you could look and see that the things that are in the heart of humanity are not good'. That is what the law was for. Paul said 'I didn't even know about covetousness until the law came along and stated that thou shall not covet'. Paul then said, 'oh, I'm not supposed to be doing that'. I wonder why? Because it hurts people and myself also. Now he understood. Paul didn't take that as a THOU SHALT NOT, he realized that there was something wrong in the thought process of covetousness. He was enlightened to it and that is why he understood it. You see it is the process in us. We have to come to this very thing and realize that it is not a bunch of dos and don't s. It's about not doing it for this one reason. If I am part of Christ what part of Christ can not love everyone? Do I have a right to not love everyone? Do I have a right to do something that I know will offend and cause someone to turn their back to God just because I have a liberty to do it? That is called a license to do anything you want and it's not there. All I have a right to do is to love you and I have an obligation under the law of God (under the law of Love not the Law of Moses) to do one thing and that is to love you. If I love you I cannot hurt you and offend you and you can't either if you realize that the law of love is a greater restraint then any law dictated on a piece of paper. If you love you will do it right for one reason and it is because you love them. If you do something or treat people right out of obligation or out of duty you've wasted your time. That is hypocrisy . If in your heart you do not love someone, don't tell them you love them. If you don't feel like you are a part of someone don't tell them you are a part of them. Don't make a covenant with someone if you don't love them, because when you make a covenant two flesh become one and then when you break that covenant you tear flesh and if I would rip your arm

off tell me that you wouldn't feel pain. If you were a little fingernail in the covenant and it gets ripped off tell me it wouldn't be painful. No one today seems to have an understanding of what covenant means. It means to lay your life down for someone else. Some would say, 'why should I lay my life down they don't even care about me'. That is not the point. Jesus could have said the same thing. Why would he lay his life down for humanity and the mess it's in? One reason. **HE LOVED US.**

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