



## Intro to Hebrews 8:1-13

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It is a great mystery, but comforting at the same time, to know that Christ is both like us and completely unlike us. It is mysterious that Jesus, the God who made everything, in whom the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily (Col. 2:9), would humble Himself by becoming a man, and not only a man, but a man of sorrows, who is acquainted with our suffering and the temptations we all face (Heb. 4:15).

Yet at the same time, Jesus is utterly unlike us. The One who came and lived among us, with whom the disciples shared life for three years, with whom they ate and drank and laughed and cried, is the same One who is now seated at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven (Heb. 8:1). He is the One who has passed through the heavens and intercedes on behalf of sinful people all over the world and who mediates the covenant whereby our sins can be forgiven, and we can be given new hearts.

This great mystery! How can this be the same person? How can someone so great be so meek and humble? How can this One who was so known to the people that He was simply “the son of the carpenter” (Mark 6:3) also be the Savior of the world? It’s a great mystery, but a mystery that girds our faith so that we can stand on solid ground. Truly everything and everyone is inferior to Jesus!

## Context

Having made the point about Jesus as a priest in the order of Melchizedek (7:1-28), priests being the mediators of the covenant, the author now turns to explain the kind of covenant which Jesus mediates. He is the Mediator of the new covenant promised by God through the prophet Jeremiah. The text of Jeremiah 31 serves as the basis for the author’s exposition throughout the next couple of chapters (until 10:18). So, having established Jesus’s priesthood, He also has a better covenant, a better sacrifice, and a better reward

## **Read and Reflect** (*Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.*)

Read Hebrews 8:1-13

“Something Better”

He serves in a better place (2-5)

- True tent
- Offer
- Copy and shadow

Based on better promises (6-13)

- Jeremiah 31
- Promise of a new covenant
- Promise of new relationships
- Promise of new status

Everything is inferior to Christ Jesus!

## Discuss

- 1) How confident are you that God keeps His promises?  
Why?
  - 2) What difference does it make to our day to day lives to know that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God?
  - 3) Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What are the key promises made in this covenant? How are they fulfilled in Jesus?
  - 4) How confident are you that your sins are forgiven? Why?
  - 5) How easy or difficult is it for you to forgive those who sin against you? Why?