

A Superior Covenant: Hebrews 7:20-8:13:

A Superior Messenger, Message, a Faithful Servant, a Great Priesthood...

i. Everlasting Priesthood (19-24)

Jesus was made High Priest by the direct declaration of God, the Father.

Psalm 110:4 - *The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

The high priest of the order of Aaron was appointed by heredity, not by personal character or by an oath of God.

ii. Saving and interceding Priesthood (25).

This ancient Greek word has the idea of "remaining as a servant." Jesus **continues forever**, and He **continues** as a servant, even after He ascended into heaven.

Jesus' priesthood means that the salvation He gives is also unchanging, permanent, and secure. **Christ will save in the most comprehensive sense; he saves from all that humanity needs saving from.**

Act 4:12 - *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Luke 22:31-32 - *Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.*

iii. A righteous Priesthood (26-28)

Jesus doesn't have to make daily sacrifices; He is holy, harmless, and higher than the heavens, perfect forever...

Revelation 4:8 - *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

iv. A Heavenly Tabernacle (8:1-5).

Jesus serves in the original heavenly **Tabernacle constructed by God**, Moses served in the earthly one built by men. **Jesus represented a superior priesthood and offered a superior sacrifice. He laid down His own life to atone for sin.** Jesus is the only One qualified to serve in the superior heavenly priesthood. The earthly service, though it was glorious in the eyes of man, was really only a **copy and shadow** of the superior heavenly service.

v. A New Covenant (6-13)

Jesus presides over a Superior Covenant with Superior Promises.

Jesus is the **Mediator** of the New Covenant, a **better covenant**, bringing us to God the Father.

The fact that God mentions another covenant proves that there was a lot lacking in the Old Covenant. **For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.**

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) - “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; 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 did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 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 in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

At Sinai under the Old Covenant the key words were *if you* ([Exodus 19:5](#)), but in the New Covenant, the key words are **I will**.