



Hebrews

Hebrews 8:1-6

Lesson 11: A Better Covenant

1. What is the main point or sum of what the Hebrew writer has been saying thus far in the epistle?
2. Because Christ is a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, He is both king and priest.
 - Where is He seated now? (8:1, cf. 1:3, 13, 10:12; 12:2)
 - When did He ascend to this position? (Ephesians 1:20-23; Acts 20:30-36)
 - How long will He reign there? (Hebrews 10:12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:25)
3. Of what is Christ a minister? (8:2)
 - Who erected this tabernacle?
 - Where is this tabernacle? (cf. 9:24)
4. According to Hebrews 8:4, why wouldn't Christ be a priest if He were on earth?
 - Would you agree that if Christ merely performed the same service as priests on earth, His priesthood would be redundant and unnecessary?
5. Levitical priests on earth serve a copy and shadow of what? (8:5)
 - Do the words *copy*, *example* and *shadow* describe things that are original and real, or do these words describe things that *represent* things that are original and real?
6. What was Moses divinely instructed to do when he was about to make the tabernacle? (8:5)
 - Explain why it was so important that Moses make the earthly tabernacle "according to the pattern."
 - Is it likely that Moses and the children of Israel understood all the reasons why God had them make everything a certain way?
 - Are Christians today free to alter the doctrinal pattern God has given us in His word? (see 2 John 9; Revelation 22:18-19; Galatians 1:8-9)
 - What was Timothy told to do with the "pattern of sound words" that he had heard from the apostle Paul? (2 Timothy 1:13)
7. What has Christ obtained? (8:6)
 - Of what is He the Mediator?
 - Define the word Mediator.
 - On what was the New Covenant established?