

Outline #8 Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant

Bless the LORD, O my soul – Psalm 103:1-4

1. A New Covenant Needed

- a) Hebrews 7:11-19, 8:7-9 According to the author of the Book of Hebrews, why was a new covenant needed?
- b) What promise had the LORD made through the prophet Jeremiah? Jeremiah 31:31-34
- c) How was the old ceremonial system a “shadow of the good things to come”? Hebrews 10:1

2. The New Covenant Has a Better Mediator

- a) Hebrews 8:1-6
- b) The term mediator can have many meanings. What is the primary meaning of mediator in the Book of Hebrews? Hebrews 7:22
- c) Why is Jesus a better mediator than any mediators who came before him?
 - i) Moses reflected the glory of the LORD (Exodus 34:29-35), whereas Jesus IS the glory of the LORD (Hebrews 1:3, John 1:14)
 - ii) Moses spoke with God face to face (Exodus 33:11) whereas Jesus IS the Word of God (John 1:1-2,14).
 - iii) Moses shared the promises of God whereas Jesus guarantees the promises of God (2 Corinthians 1:20).
- d) How is your life impacted by the precious truth that Jesus is your Mediator in the courts of heaven?

3. The New Covenant Has Better Promises

- a) Hebrews 8:6 The promises of God are always good, so how can He make better promises?
- b) Compare Exodus 24:1-8 and Hebrews 10:5-10. How are the better promises of the new covenant different from the promises under the old covenant?
- c) What encouragement does the apostle Paul share in 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 and 2 Timothy 2:13?

4. Transformed hearts

- a) Compare the promises of the LORD recorded in Jeremiah 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27. What encouragement do you find here?
- b) What texts of Scripture confirm that genuine obedience in our covenant relationship with God comes as a result of a transformed heart? John 14:15, Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 5:5, etc.
- c) Share an example of a transformed heart during the life and ministry of Jesus.
- d) How is a revelation of God’s unfailing love and faithfulness transforming your heart?
- e) What encouragement would you give to a friend who feels the great need for a transformed heart?

