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JESUS, THE BETTER COVENANT (PART 1)



¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: **WE HAVE** such a High Priest, one who **IS** seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in **heaven**, ² a Minister **IN** the holy places, **IN THE TRUE TENT [TABERNACLE]** that the Lord set up, not man.

HEBREWS 8:1-7

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is **necessary for this Priest also** to have **SOMETHING TO OFFER.** ⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

HEBREWS 8:1-7

⁵ They serve a **COPY** and **SHADOW** of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the **TENT**, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”

HEBREWS 8:1-7

⁶ **But as it is, Christ** has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as **THE COVENANT HE MEDIATES IS BETTER**, since it is enacted on **BETTER PROMISES**.

HEBREWS 8:1-7













The birth of the church caused massive conflict with the priestly order.

The irony of the
inquisition by
the high priest.

7 God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. **Even** a large group of **priests embraced** the faith.

ACTS 6:7

¹³ Before the council, they presented false witnesses who testified, “This man never stops **SPEAKING AGAINST THIS HOLY PLACE** and the **LAW**. ¹⁴ In fact, we heard him say that this man **Jesus of Nazareth** will **destroy this place and alter the customary practices Moses gave us.**”

ACTS 6:13-7:1

15 Everyone seated in the council stared at Stephen, and they saw that his face was radiant, just like an angel's. 7:1 **THE HIGH PRIEST ASKED**, "Are these accusations true?"

ACTS 6:13-7:1

44 “The tent of testimony was with our **ancestors** in the wilderness. **MOSES** built it just as he had been **instructed** by the One who spoke to him and **ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN HE HAD SEEN.** ⁴⁵ In time, when they had received the tent,

ACTS 7:44-60

our ancestors **carried it with them when**,
under **JOSHUA'S leadership**, they took
possession of the land from the nations
WHOM GOD expelled. This tent remained
in the land until the time of **David**.⁴⁶ God
approved of David,

ACTS 7:44-60

WHO ASKED that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.⁴⁷ But it was **Solomon** who **actually built a house for God.** ⁴⁸ **HOWEVER**, the Most High doesn't live in houses built by human hands. As the prophet says,

ACTS 7:44-60

49 Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. 'What kind of house will you build for Me,' says the Lord, 'or where is My resting place? 50 Didn't I make all these things with my own hand?'

ACTS 7:44-60

51 “**You stubborn people!** In your thoughts and hearing, you are like those who have had no part in God’s covenant! You continuously **set yourself against the Holy Spirit**, just like your ancestors did 52 Was there a single prophet your ancestors didn’t harass?

ACTS 7:44-60

⁵³ You **received the Law** given by **angels**,
but you **haven't kept it.**" ⁵⁴ Once the
council members heard these words, they
were **enraged** and began to **grind their**
teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, **enabled**
by the Holy Spirit,

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stared into heaven and saw God's majesty
and **Jesus standing at God's right side.**
⁵⁶ He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven
on display and the Human One [**SON OF
MAN**] standing at God's right side!"

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⁵⁷ At this, they **SHRIEKED** and **COVERED THEIR EARS**. Together, they **CHARGED AT HIM**, ⁵⁸ threw him **out of the city**, and began to **stone him**. The witnesses placed their coats in the **care of a young man named Saul**.

ACTS 7:44-60

⁵⁹ As they **battered him with stones**, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, accept my life!” ⁶⁰ Falling to his knees, he shouted, “Lord, don’t hold this sin against them!” Then he died.

ACTS 7:44-60

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WHY WERE THEY SO ANGRY?

1.1 They have not kept
the law.

⁵³ You received the Law given by angels,
but you haven't kept it." Acts 7:53

WHY WERE THEY SO ANGRY?

1.2 They are no better than Gentiles!

“**You stubborn people!** In your thoughts and hearing, you are like those who **HAVE HAD NO PART** in God’s covenant! [“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.] Acts 7:51

⁷ **Those who believe** are the children of Abraham. ⁸ But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham:

GALATIANS 3:7-9

All the Gentiles will be blessed in you.

⁹ Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

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2. What makes people angry now?

2.1 For atheists.

“I was at this time living, like so many Atheists or Antitheists, in a whirl of contradictions. I maintained that God did not exist. I was also very angry with God for not existing. I was equally angry with Him for creating a world.”

— C.S. LEWIS

WHAT MAKES PEOPLE ANGRY NOW?

2.2 People who claim an openness to Christianity or even those who are.

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SOLA CHRISTUS	Christ Alone	Restrictive
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SOLI DEO GLORIA	Glory to God Alone	Prescriptive

WHAT MAKES PEOPLE ANGRY NOW?

2.3 The reality of our sinfulness.

3. How do we proclaim?

PROCLAIM: A PILLAR OF MERCY COMMONS

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