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## OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

### Hebrews 8

Memorize God's Word for the week: Hebrews 7:24-26a.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

#### DAY 1: HEBREWS 8:1-2—REALITY

1. a. How would you state the main idea of these two verses?  
  
b. According to this passage, how is the ministry of Jesus unique and superior to any other?

#### DAY 2: HEBREWS 8:3-5—REFLECTION OF REALITY

2. Read Leviticus 9:1-7. What are the reasons for and the results of sacrifices and offerings?
3. Review Hebrews 7:26-28. How are the reasons for sacrifices and offerings fulfilled in Jesus?
4. A *copy* is a duplicate of an original and a *shadow* is a dim reflection. What do the definitions of these words add to your understanding of verse 5? (See Exodus 25:8-9, 40.)

#### DAY 3: HEBREWS 8:6—THE CHANGES

5. a. From the following verses, what are the different aspects of Jesus' ministry?
  - 1) Luke 19:10
  - 2) John 14:2-3
- b. What are the different aspects of Jesus' covenant?
  - 1) Romans 3:21-24
  - 2) Colossians 1:21-23
6. A *mediator* is one who helps reconcile parties who are divided. What does it mean that Jesus "*mediates*" the new covenant?

**DAY 4: HEBREWS 8:7-9—PROBLEM**

7. Read 8:7 with Hebrews 10:1-4. In what ways was the first covenant inadequate?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. a. What is revealed about Israel in Jeremiah 7:22-28?  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b. In the light of how the Israelites behaved, would you expect God to make covenant promises like He did in Jeremiah 31:33-34? What does this say to you about God?

**DAY 5: HEBREWS 8:10-13—THIS IS THE COVENANT**

9. a. List four promises of the new covenant found in verse 10.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b. Which of these is most significant to you? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. a. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 and 2 Corinthians 3:3. What do these verses teach about the “*heart*”?  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b. What is the advantage of having God’s Law written on our minds and hearts rather than on tablets of stone?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. At what point did the sacrificial system with its priests become obsolete? (See Matthew 27:50-52; John 19:28-30.)

**DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

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**APPLY** what you have learned. The Bible speaks of the pride in people who harden their hearts against God, unwilling to submit to His authority. In our human nature apart from grace, we all desire to live by our own rules in one way or another, but Jesus’ resurrection has released us from the slavery of sinful instincts. When you look into your heart, do you see any areas of struggle with God? Remember He has promised to give a new heart to those who ask His help!