

Sermon Questions

Hebrews 8:1-13

This week we discussed Hebrews chapter 8 and the superior ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest. Our society balks at the fact that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and even young, immature Christians can often doubt the validity of Christ's exclusivity. However, Hebrews chapter 8 highlights the superior ministry of the priesthood of Jesus Christ and demonstrates why He and He alone provides for everything we need. When Jesus inaugurated the New Covenant, everything changed. Jesus Christ fulfilled the law and therefore the types and shadows of the Old Testament are no longer necessary for relating to God. Because in our sinful hearts we often prefer religion to reality, God makes it clear that Jesus Christ is everything we need. May we hear and apply God's Word with these incredible truths.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Superior Ministry

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We have the Great High Priest who...

Ministers in a superior location (1)

Ministers in a superior sanctuary (2)

Ministers in a superior manner (3-5)

Ministers in a superior covenant (6-13)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Where is the location of Jesus Christ's priestly ministry now? What is the significance that He is seated? What is the significance of being at God's right hand? What did Jesus Christ complete? How much power does He currently have? What difference does that make in your life?
2. What does it mean that we are seated in the heavenly realms with Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:6)? Why is knowing the location of the ministry of Jesus important when need

help? Where can we go where Jesus Christ would NOT be available? What confidence does this provide for you?

3. What makes the current sanctuary of Jesus Christ superior? Why did God provide so much detail in the Scriptures for building the tabernacle and temple? Why was God so specific? How important was it that God demonstrated how holy He is and how He needed to be approached?
4. Knowing God's requirements, how would a first century Jew have responded to Jesus' statement, "Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days"? Why would that have been blasphemy? What was Jesus really saying?
5. What the difference between a billboard or sign promoting an event and attend the event? What would be more engaging...looking at a billboard or attending the event the billboard promoted? If the Old Testament is a billboard pointing to Jesus Christ then why were the Jews more excited about the billboard then the real thing? Why are people today more excited about their religion than Jesus Christ?
6. How does Jesus Christ minister in a superior manner? If the Jews needed priest as a mediator for worship, prayer, forgiveness, etc. then without a priest how could they experience ministry? Read 1 Timothy 2:5. If Jesus Christ is the ONE mediator between God and man then do we need anyone else? How sufficient is Jesus Christ?
7. Without Jesus Christ is it possible to worship? Pray? Serve? Minister? Hear God? Etc? Then what does that say about all the "sincere" people in the world with "sincerity" in their religious practices? Knowing that apart from Christ we can do nothing, how important is the ministry of evangelism?
8. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:25-27. What is the New Covenant that was promised? Who was it promised to? If the Covenant is for Israel how can we experience some of the benefits of the Covenant (read Galatians 3:6-9)?
9. Read Luke 22:20 and 1 Corinthians 11:25. When was the New Covenant inaugurated? Who was responsible for instituting it? What is one of the reasons we celebrate the Lord's Supper? What does this remind us of?
10. Read Colossians 1:26b-27 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 1 Peter 2:5. What is the uniqueness to the Christian faith in terms of where God dwells? If God dwells in us and we are his temple who are being built together as a holy priesthood how should that prompt us to live differently?
11. What are some of the elements of the New Covenant? How is the New Covenant gracious? Internal? Personal? Experiential? Provide forgiveness? Present?
12. If the New Covenant has been established then why are so many people trying to live from the Old?

13. What did God teach you from His Word this week? What do you need to apply right now in your life? What difference will it make for you to live free in Christ?