

OUR DESIRES CHANGED BY GRACE

Hebrews 8, p. 971

- I. THE NEW COVENANT HAS BETTER PROMISES THAN THE OLD (HEBREWS 8:1-6).
 - A. Jesus our high priest is seated in heaven, meeting all our spiritual needs (8:1-2; cf. 7:18-28).
 - B. Earthly priests in the Old Covenant served in a tabernacle which was a mere shadow of heaven's tabernacle (8:3-6).
- II. THE NEW COVENANT CHANGES OUR DESIRES BASED ON GOD'S GRACE (HEBREWS 8:7-13).
 - A. The Old covenant (Law) was replaced as inadequate (8:7-8a).
 - B. The Jews need a New Covenant because people rebelled in the old one in spite of God's goodness (8b-9).
 - Law – Rules and discipline do not change selfish desires.
 - C. The New Covenant under Jesus changes us internally (10-12).
 - The Holy Spirit today produces godly desires that rules cannot (10a; Galatians 5:18; 5:22-23).
 - Grace motivates us through intimacy with God and gratitude for his forgiveness (10b-12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
 - D. The new covenant of grace made the old one obsolete (8:13).

The New Covenant prophesied (Jeremiah 31:27-40): The nation Israel in Christ's millennial kingdom will have the land God promised and live obedient to Christ. The church today does not replace Israel or have those physical blessings, but we share in the spiritual blessings of the new covenant since we also are connected to Christ.