

Hebrews 8

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God through the writer of this book has laid out a case for these Hebrews (Jewish Christians) to look at the Law given to Moses and realize that Jesus came to fulfill the Law as the Messiah. Including in the fulfilling of the Law was to establish in the coming Kingdom ruled by Christ His bona fides as the High Priest for ever to God the Father. Jesus would also fulfill the role and duties of the King and Savior of mankind.

For us, in 9 verses the entire gospel of Salvation is laid out.

Christ's Eternal Priesthood

1Now of the things which we have spoken *this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;*

The conclusion authored here is that there is One High Priest in all of time and His Name is Jesus the Messiah. He sits with God at their throne in Heaven at this very minute in our linear time. However, they are able to be in all times and places at the same instance on our linear time.

2A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

God resides in Heaven which is another dimension from the one we occupy here on earth. I do not know where Heaven is at but I know it exists just as God, Christ and the disciples have described it however briefly. Heaven is mentioned 276 times in the New Testament alone. I have no doubts at all about its existence I just can't tell you where it is or much about it.

Several caveats are associated with Heaven. The first caveat is there are "3" heavens mentioned in scripture. The first heaven includes the breathable atmosphere up to what we know is the edge of space. The demarcation line between the 1st heaven and 2nd heaven is called the Karman line. Named after Theodor von Karman a Hungarian physicist who after moving to the US between WW1 and WW2 created the Jet Propulsion Lab. JPL as it is known is the main civilian contributor to NASA on many levels. The Karman line is set at about 60 miles above the earth's surface. It is the point in our atmosphere where physical laws of flight cease to exist due to thinnest of air and oxygen supply. From the Karman line and above a craft needs self propulsion. Now those are all man's determinations. They seem reasonable in-light of God's Word and description of at least 2 heavens.

The second heaven is from the Karman line on into space, to the very edge of the universe if you will. It includes all the planets,

stars, meteors, asteroids, black holes, and universes both visible and invisible.

The 3rd heaven, a place where Paul and John were allowed to visit is purely God's Home aside from all His Creation. It is where His Throne is and was the pattern on which God instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:9 *You must make the tabernacle and design all its furnishings according to the pattern I show you.*

Exodus 25:40 *See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.*

Exodus 26:30 *So you are to set up the tabernacle according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.*

Hebrews 9:23 *So it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*

Be mindful, God is in control of all creation from the atoms to the include all created things and everything is created by God. There is no moment in our timeline nor in the creation existence that God was not and is not in total control of all creation.

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3For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

God is making a comparison to Jesus the High Priest and any High Priest from Levitical Priesthood. In vs 3; "This man" is referring to Jesus the Messiah. The contention is that the human High Priest offered sacrifices and gifts to God for his own sins and the sins of Israel. Jesus had one unequalled thing to offer an offering like no other that had ever been offered to God. Jesus offered God His Father; Himself as a sacrifice for all mankind for all time. Jesus had no sin but by taking on the sin of mankind His offering was for all of mankind, to those who would Believe.

4For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

This statement from God is that Jesus is no longer on earth at the time of this writing. But there were still High Priests according to the Law and still offered sacrifices according to the Law. The Law was still in full force for those who rejected Christ as it is today and had to be carried out according to its dictates.

5Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. 6But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

If you have studied the Bible or listened to Teachers that teach the Bible, you have undoubtedly heard of something called “Type and Shadow”. It means that you see something that is a shadow of the real thing, like looking at your own shadow. It is a mere representation of the real physical you. Just an outline that moves as you move but is just an image of the real you.

The elements within the Temple were an image a shadow if you will of Jesus the Messiah. For example, the menorah the seven canded lamp stand. It was used to light the Holy Place which had no windows or openings save the entry way, so it was dark. Jesus was the light unto the world just as the Menorah was a light unto the Holy Place. ***John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.***

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 8:12 Once again, Jesus spoke to the people and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

The table of show bread in the Holy Place inside the Temple represented the 12 tribes but it also was a shadow of the “Bread of Life”.

***John 6:35* And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

The third element in the Holy Place was the Alter of Incense. This incense was to be burned in the morning and the evening when the Priest was to trim the Lamps.

This Alter of Incense was the only place that fire was to be taken when the High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies once a year to seek God's forgiveness for the sins of Israel. The Day of Atonement now called Yom Kippur, was to atone for the sins of Israel. Yom Kippur means: Yom means "day". Kippur means "covering". The day of covering. The Israeli greeting on Yom Kippur is Gemar Chatimah Tova! {גמר חתימה טובה} – which means 'May you be signed and sealed in the Book of Life!'

Jesus spoke of himself being in the elements of the Last Supper called Communion. It was a shadow of Him that we drink and eat, it is not His real blood or flesh as some has proposed.

***1 Corinthians 11: 23* For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: *24* And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. *25* After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. *26* For as often as ye eat this bread,**

and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

The New Covenant

7For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

This statement declares that the Law was limited so it had a fault which God knew when He crafted it and gave it to Moses. The God Head already knew before creation what would have to be done. It was no surprise to God, He did sit on His throne, scratching His head thinking, "Wow didn't see that coming". God knows the beginning from the end. He knows everything about each of our lives, there are no secrets with God.

8For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will** make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

As we have studied in the Bible, the Law was given by God to man to show man how far short of Holiness mankind is. The Law showed mankind our faults our shortcoming, our failures our sins.

In the Old Covenant also called the Mosaic Covenant after the one it was given to; Moses, God said this:

*Exodus 19: 5*Now therefore, **if ye will** obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar

*treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:
6And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy
nation.*

In the New Covenant also called the “Messianic Covenant” which we know was established by God through His Son Jesus under Grace and not the Law God says this:

Hebrews 8:8 **I will** *make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*

The difference being that under the Law it was man’s duty and labor to make amends for sin in a very particular way with the blood of innocent animals. And it was only a temporary reprieve from the cost of sin which is death. It was based on God’s promise that He would do this if man would to that. In short, obtaining temporary forgiveness sin would require the killing of an innocent animal. Mankind failed time and time again, requiring the death of millions of innocent animals to take our place.

It all changed under the New (Messianic) Covenant. God determined that He would save man through His own Mercy and Grace. The Law was not done away with as Jesus declared.

Matthew 5: 17*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18***For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19***Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least*

commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Read the 10 Commandments, in just those ten laws see how well you are doing in walking a Holy life with God. Those Laws also pointed to the New Covenant which includes those Laws as a basis of what Jesus asks us to walk in, out of obedience to our relationship with Jesus our Lord and Savior. Loving God and loving our fellow man is the essence of the New Covenant in Christ.

Mark 12: [28](#)And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? [29](#)And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: [30](#)And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. [31](#)And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

[9](#)Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

The covenant God made with Israel through Moses was a road map of sorts to show the Hebrew Nation how to walk with God,

Love God and be protected by God. If they would walk in the written Law, then God would protect them from the world. As we know they chose to walk as the world walk and God eventually withdrew His protection from them. Only the nation of Israel was covered by this Mosaic Covenant, we the heathens the gentiles were outside of this Covenant until Jesus came.

10For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

God now speaks of the New Covenant that He extended to Israel through His Son Jesus Christ. In the new covenant that is spelled out more clearly in the New Testament God revealed His Mercy and Grace through belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the Cross. The problem for Israel that they rejected the savior the Son of God. When they rejected Jesus, it opened the door for we gentiles to be allowed into Salvation. Their rejection became our Salvation.

However, this verse speaks of even a future time, after the 7 years of coming Tribulation. A time God calls the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth.

“the house of Israel after those days” is a reference to a time after the completion of what is called the Tribulation. It is when Jesus establishes His kingdom on earth, being seated in Jerusalem. The world that will regrow after the Tribulation will seek to understand all that has happened. They will seek Israel to teach them about the Truth of God.

I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

We as believers already know and understand this covenant. Israel is yet to accept it. They will go into Tribulation following the man of deception that is going to manage the affairs of the world under a one world government. We understand what it means to be saved by the Blood of the Lamb. Our eternity is set and established by God’s Mercy and Grace by making one decision. Asking Jesus into your heart and making Him Lord of your life. It is the only way to the Father and eternity with Him.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

This knowledge that we as Believers already have will be on the hearts of Israel during the Millennial Reign of Christ and an

unsaved world that has a very small population will seek to understand what they had missed prior to the Tribulation. As we have studied it appears that the population of the earth at the end of the Tribulation is made up of those who were not born again, did not take the mark of the beast, were able to conceal themselves from the beast, were able to provide for their own needs and aided those who during Tribulation gave their lives over to Christ.

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12For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

The context of this verse is prior to the Tribulation. God's Grace is extended to us along with His Mercy. We deserve neither His Grace or Mercy it is His Gift alone to give to us. It is only through Belief in the Blood of Christ that allows His Mercy and Grace to save us. It CANNOT be earned, lest any man would boast that he or she is Righteous and without sin.

Ephesians 2: 8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast.

God's Grace and Mercy have an expiration date toward man on earth as His Free Gift of Salvation operates today. Refusing to ask Christ into your heart for whatever reason is the same as

rejecting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. There is no such thing as “no decision” with Christ. You are either His or you are not His. The expiration date for the time we live in with unfettered access to God Grace and Mercy ends when the Church is taken out of this world at Rapture.

After the moment of Rapture if you have not made a decision or reject Christ outright are on their own as they deal with the Tribulation and the Anti-Christ.

Rapture the catching up of the Church happens in an instant that God calls **“a moment in the twinkling of an eye”**.

1 Corinthians 15: [50](#)Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. [51](#)Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52](#)In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53](#)For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54](#)So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55](#)O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? [56](#)The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. [57](#)But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and Mercy are available to all humanity but only when you say YES to Jesus Christ. Otherwise, you are trapped by the Law

whether you agree with it or not, whether you know the Law or not. God's written LAW is what you will be JUDEGED by at the Great White Throne Judgement.

13In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

Here again, the context points to God's Mercy and Grace as opposed to the Law. This is written only to Believers. The Law still exists for non believers but Believers will not be judged by the Law they will be judged by Jesus at the Bema Seat Judgement, where their salvation is not in question.

The Bema Seat judgement is based on how they carried out the task God has given them in their lives and their obedience to Him. It is where rewards or potentially 5 "Crowns" are handed out by Christ to those who stand before Him at the Bema Seat.

2 Corinthians 5: 6Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Romans 14:10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister ? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

You will not find the word "Bema Seat" in the Bible. It is a Christian vernacular that was brought about by Paul's use of running a race to describe the plight of the Believer.

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

The term Bema Seat is from Greek origins. In the Olympics there was usually the King or other high-ranking individual at the finish line. That person sat on an elevated platform called the Bema Seat. This individual would declare the winner as the participants crossed the finish line. The rewards were then handed out immediately after the race. It is speculation as to when this Judgement Seat of Christ will take place, my personal opinion is immediately at death/resurrection of the Believer or at Rapture.

Paul's advice to Christians is to run the race I.E: walk out your life as a Christian in obedience to Christ in order to win the prize. The five Crowns are:

Lain out in "Got Questions"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/heavenly-crowns.html>

1. *The Imperishable Crown – ([1 Corinthians 9:24-25](#)) "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate*

[disciplined] in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown”

2. *The Crown of Rejoicing – ([1 Thessalonians 2:19](#)) “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?”*
3. *The Crown of Righteousness – ([2 Timothy 4:8](#)) “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*
4. *The Crown of Glory – ([1 Peter 5:4](#)) “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”*
5. *The Crown of Life – ([Revelation 2:10](#)) “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

The prize for running the race is not Salvation, for the Believer the Salvation question is already a settled matter. This is about rewards for walking in Righteousness and Joy of Christ and doing what He asks of us with a joyful heart. Walking in Mercy and Grace towards others as God has extended His Mercy and Grace to us. This verse from Psalms is about our relationship in general with Christ but specifically about the moment of judgement for all Believers. If we don't deserve His Mercy and Grace should we make those around us have to earn our Mercy and Grace?

Psalms 103: [10](#) he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Meaning that you are not judged on your sins relative to the Law, your Salvation is based not on what you deserve but on what God's Mercy and Grace have allowed and that is based on Belief in Christ as your Savior and the Son of God.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Your sins will not be brought up or remembered at the Bema Seat Judgement, only how you carried out the ministry God gave you after becoming a Believer. Obedience not unto Salvation but Obedience unto reward granted or reward withheld.

Below is how the Bema Seat Judgement will work; tested with fire.

1 Corinthians 3: 10According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Building start with a corner stone, strong and unblemished; Christ is that Corner Stone for Believers.

1 Peter 2: [4](#)To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, [5](#)Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

[6](#)Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

[7](#)Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

[8](#)And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

[9](#)But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: [10](#)Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

“Not a people” is a reference to Gentiles which is what we are. A gentile is anyone that is not a Jew by heritage.

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