

### **Background Information**

The author sums up main point of what he has been saying: Jesus is a “better” High Priest ministering over a “better” covenant. The new priesthood leads us to spiritual maturity. God puts His Word in our hearts and transforms our character into the image of His Son. It is an interesting fact that there were no chairs in the Jewish tabernacle or temple because the priests’ work was never finished. Jesus accomplished the work of redemption and sat down at the right hand of His Fathers throne in heaven. His work is finished!

The first covenant was meant to be obeyed from the heart. According to Jeremiah, most of Israel did not have it in their hearts, but rather turned from Him and broke His covenant. The difference between the former and the new covenant would be the new law would be written within them, and they would know God.

## LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?



The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

*Setting the scene:* You may want to begin your reading with Gen 49:8-12, Ex. 25:40, Jer. 31:31-34, Ps. 110, Gal. 3:15-25, 2 Pet. 1:2-4

### Hebrews 8:1-6

8 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore, it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

### Digging Deeper



Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?

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## BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 8:1–6

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Hebrews 8:7-13

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## REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, "What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?" (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 8:1–6

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Hebrews 8:7-13

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**CHALLENGE:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

What does "*if He were on earth He would not be a priest at all*" mean? v.4

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What can you find about Christ's "*more excellent ministry*"? v.6

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**CHECKING FOR CLARITY:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Hebrews 8:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 8:7-13 \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS OF GOLD:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:** Can you discover an NT. example of this O.T. truth?

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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

. . . But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. Hebrews 8:6

Radiating His Truth . . .

God put His Word in our hearts and transforms our character. - Warren Wiersbe



