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<sup>1</sup> Now the main point in what is being said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. <sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

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<sup>5</sup> who serve a pattern and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN." <sup>6</sup> But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

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<sup>8</sup> For in finding fault with the them, He says,  
 "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
 WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT  
 WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH,  
<sup>9</sup> NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS  
 ON THE DAY I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND  
 TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;  
 FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,  
 AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

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<sup>10</sup> FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT WHICH I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, DECLARES THE LORD:  
 I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,  
 AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.  
 AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,  
 AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.  
<sup>11</sup> AND THEY WILL NOT TEACH, EACH ONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,  
 AND EACH ONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,'  
 FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME,  
 FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

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<sup>12</sup> FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TOWARD THEIR INIQUITIES,  
 AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."  
<sup>13</sup> When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear.  
 (Hebrews 8:1-13)

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## We have such a High Priest!

Q: *Who is He?*

He is the eternal, incarnate Son who has been  
"made perfect" as our High Priest forever

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## We have such a High Priest!

Q: *What has He accomplished?*

By His sacrifice He has atoned for sin, entered  
the heavenly sanctuary as High Priest and  
established the New Covenant

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## A New ("Better") Covenant

- the first ("old") covenant was inadequate – no capacity to overcome unbelief or remove sin
- the New Covenant promises an internalized law, relationship to God, and the removal of sin

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## Obsolescence of the Old Covenant

- God has made the Old Covenant obsolete by the establishment of the New Covenant

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## Obsolescence of the Old Covenant

- Implications:
  - 1) As Christians we are not under the Old Covenant in any sense – it is not a direct or binding source of our conduct
  - 2) God's new covenant people (the church) are not a militant, political nation

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## Obsolescence of the Old Covenant

➤ Implications:

- 3) There is no longer a physical sanctuary, literal sacrifices or a mediational priesthood

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*We may draw near to God with confidence through  
Jesus our High Priest*