



July 22

Passage: Hebrew 8

Happy Wednesday! It's a beautiful summer day and it's a gift from the Lord! Spend some time in prayer this morning. Thank him for waking you up today, for the provisions he has given you. Then, ask him for *wisdom* and *clarity* as you read his Word. (He'll give it to you!)

READ & DIG. Read Hebrews 8 (underline anything that sticks out to you)

Remember, the author of Hebrews is writing to a group of new Christians who are suffering due to their faith. They are ready to quit, go back to their faith before Jesus. The author is pleading with his readers to continue. In chapter 8, he specifically is reminding them that *they have a better covenant in Jesus!*

A PICTURE OF WHAT IS TO COME

Have you ever read the OT and thought, *what in the world is going on here... what is this temple, these sacrifices, all this stuff about?* Hebrews 8 helps us understand. Talking about the aspects of the old covenant the author says in V5, *they serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things.* You see, the aspects of the OT were there to point towards Jesus and that which is to come. They were *lacking...* [7] The old covenant wasn't perfect it but what was to come would be!

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Though the old wasn't the best covenant, it was still necessary. The old covenant showed us *God's heart, helped us see what he desired from us, and it helped us see that we can't meet the requirements God has for us on our own.* But thankfully, Christ ushers in a new and a better covenant for us. Read V6 again... Why is this covenant better? It holds *better promises.* The promises are listed in V10-12... listen to what God has promised to do for his people... *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...* This is God promising himself to us... to love us and to keep us. How does this happen? **ALL THROUGH CHRIST!** Jesus is what holds this all together, his work on the cross is what makes this covenant *better and worth it.*

Apply & GO

So, the new covenant is better because it is final, and it is sealed by Jesus.

- **Trust in Jesus...** this is the way we enter into the covenant. We believe in Jesus!
- **Be thankful...** that Jesus has satisfied everything God required of us.
- **Continue...** even in the difficulties. Though this life and this walk with Christ is ugly sometimes, difficult and messy; there is no better way to spend our lives than with HIM.