

LESSON 8
DIRECT LINE
HEBREWS 8:1–13



1 With what person in history would you most like to have a conversation?

2 What would you discuss with this person?



Read Hebrews 8:1–13 and the following notes:

☐ 8:4 ☐ 8:8–12 ☐ 8:10 ☐ 8:10, 11

3 What does the Bible mean by the word *covenant*?

4 What was wrong with the old covenant (8:7–9)?

5 Why is the new covenant superior to the old (8:6, 10–12)?

6 What happened to the old covenant after the new one was made (8:13)?

A covenant is a promise between two people. Under the old covenant, God fulfilled his part of the promise by calling the Israelites his nation and leading them to the Promised Land. But the Israelites did not fulfill their side of the bargain. They continually turned away from God. So God made a new covenant with his true followers. This new covenant is far superior to the old. Under the old covenant, people depended on human means to access God—the Tabernacle, sacrifices, priests, and laws. Under the new, we can come directly to God through Christ, who opened the way for us to relate to our Creator personally and have our sins forgiven. Through Christ, God is present in us!



7 Why would the message of God's forgiveness be good news to the Jews?

8 How has God fulfilled his part in the new covenant?

9 What is our part in the new covenant?



10 What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?

11 How does a person come to “know the Lord”?

12 How do the words *ministers* (8:2) and *offer* (8:3) describe what Jesus does for us now? (Refer also to 7:25.)

13 In what ways can you access God directly?



14 If you don't know God personally, this would be a good time to begin that relationship. Who would be able to help you get started?

15 If you already have a personal relationship with God, with whom could you share the good news of the new covenant?

16 What would be the best way to tell this person?

A What does it mean for Jesus to be at God’s right hand (8:1)? What does it mean that he sat down? What is he doing as he “ministers in the sacred tent” (8:2)?

B The Tabernacle was a copy of what was in heaven but not an exact copy (8:5). How can our churches today reflect the reality of Christ’s work in heaven?

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