

Today we are going to talk about how great Christ and the New Covenant is compared to the Old Covenant. What is another word for covenant? (law, testament) The first law, or the Old Testament was given by God for the Jews. Among the Jews were men know as High Priests. The High Priests were the ones who went into the Most Holy Place to offer sacrifices for all the Jews, because of their wrongdoings/sins. Does anyone remember what the tabernacle looked like inside? (show them a poster of the tabernacle) The first room was the Holy Place and the Priests could enter there. A veil, which is a large curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. Who could enter the Most Holy Place? The High Priests only. What did he do there? Once a year he would enter and make a sacrifice for his sins first, and then a sacrifice for the sins of the rest of the people. (put up flannel graph of the alter and sheep/dove. What is a sacrifice? It is when an animal was put to death, following the steps which God gave. What would happen when the High Priest died? He would be replaced with a new High Priest, and the process would continue every year.

That is what the old law was all about. Now let's talk about the New Covenant/Law/Testament. We are under the New law today. Can anyone guess who is our High Priest today? Christ Jesus. Did he offer a sacrifice for our sins? Yes. (flannel graph of Jesus carrying the cross and then hanging on the cross) Does he have to offer a sacrifice every year like the high priests of the Old Law? No. In Hebrews it tells us that Christ gave himself as a sacrifice once for all. There remains no more sacrifice. If we do not accept his sacrifice there will not be one later on. Just think, Jesus dying on the cross was enough to cleanse us of our sins, if we obey him. He does not have to do it every year. Isn't that better than the High Priests of the Old Covenant. Also, the old High Priests had to offer a sacrifice for their sins, too. Did Jesus ever do wrong? No. So, he was perfect, a perfect sacrifice. He did that just for you and me. Can you see that the "new covenant" is better than the "old covenant"?

In Hebrews it tells us that Christ was made higher than the angels. He was made Lord over them. We think of angels being very special to God. But, Jesus is even better than them. He is sitting on the right hand of God. He is waiting for us to come live with them in heaven. Won't it be wonderful to get to meet Jesus and live with him on high? Let's do everything we can do to be able to live in heaven.

Sing: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

2 Timothy 2:15 - Memory Builders Tape

Handout: picture of Jesus placed above angels, to color

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Lesson Text: Hebrews 1-9

XII-6

Memory Verse: Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-
Jeremiah 31:31

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1. God spoke to us in times past by his prophets. How does God speak to us today? (vs.1)
2. Who is sitting at God's right hand?(vs.3) is he better than the angels? (vs.2)

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3. Did Jesus die for everyone? (vs.9)
4. For in that _____ himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to _____ those who are tempted.(vs.18)

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5. What words describe God's word? (circle all answers) (vs.12)

powerful sharper than a sword scary piercing

untruthful discerner

6. Can any creature hide from God? (vs.13)
7. Who is the High Priest of the New Covenant? (vs. 14)
How did he become our High Priest?
8. Does our High Priest understand us?(vs.15)

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9. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of _____
that we may obtain _____ and find grace to help in time of
need. (vs.16)

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10. The priests in the O.T. had to offer sacrifices all day for the sins of the
people. How many times did Christ, our Priest, have to offer his
sacrifice? (vs.27)

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11. He is also mediator of a _____ covenant, which was
established on _____ promises. (vs.6)

We will discuss O.T. Priests compared to Christ as our Priest in class. You
may want to review what the priests duties were in the Old Law.

12. O. T. Priest offered the blood of _____ and _____(vs.12)
Christ offered his _____ blood.

13. Christ's blood gives us salvation under the New Testament? T or F



Christ is our
new High Priest
and was made
better than the
angels.
Hebrews



No. 14

CONNECT THE DOTS

Then Color the Picture You Made.

