

Hebrews 8:1-13.

Out With The Old.

Every now and then, something comes along that changes the whole landscape. The old ways become outdated, irrelevant, and obsolete. When have you experienced this in your own life?

Read Exodus 24:3-8.

1. What did it mean for the Israelites to be faithful to the covenant given to Moses at Mount Sinai?
2. How was the covenant sealed?

Read Hebrews 8:1-6.

3. Hebrews 8:1 opens with “the point of what we are saying is...” - what have ‘we’ been saying?
4. How is Jesus’ ministry better than the ministry of the earthly high priest?
5. How is the sanctuary where Jesus serves better than the Jerusalem Temple?
6. Why was Moses warned when he was about to build the Tabernacle?

Read Hebrews 8:6-13.

7. Why is the new covenant better than the old one (v. 6)?
8. If the old covenant was given by God, what was ‘faulty’ with it (v. 7-8)?
9. Looking at verses 10-12, how will the new covenant be better than the old covenant in terms of:
 - i) how (why) we behave
 - ii) how we know God
 - iii) how sin is dealt with
10. In verse 13 the author says that “what is obsolete...will soon disappear”. What happened at Jerusalem on August 30, A.D. 70 to fulfill this?

Implications.

11. If “the old” is “out”, what options do we have to be in-the-right with God?
12. In Q. 2 we remembered that “the old” was sealed by blood. How is our new covenant sealed (7:27, 9:12)?
13. Who is responsible for fulfilling the new covenant, and to what extent?