



Who Can We Believe?

Take the Vaccine! Don't Take the Vaccine?

The Dreaded "Covid" (The Bat) Disease is going to kill us!

The Covid Vaccine will kill you!

"I'm not sure what is in it...but you need to take it!"

Lie vs. Truth...Momma, Please Tell Us the Truth!

What is Real and What is Unreal?

Jesus is real...the seemingly unreal...revealed to be true and truly real!

Lesson 12: Hebrews 8: The Main Point...

Jesus, the Only Way!

The Unrealistic and the Real....

The shadow and the One that casts the shadow...

The Rainbow and the Rainbow Maker....

The Temporary and the Permanent...

The Gift Unopened and the Open Gift...

Jesus...the Real Thing!

Hebrews 8:1-6, "Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. ³ Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. ⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. ⁵ They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."⁶ But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises."

Two things said about the High Priest (Jesus):

1. He took His seat at the RIGHT HAND of the Majesty in Heaven.

Final proof of His glory is the significance of His position.

"Right hand" means a place of authority, a place of honor...and it meant dignity and rulership.

Authority to declare who is righteous and unrighteous; who is appropriate for fellowship; who is worthy to receive kingdom access.

1 Peter 3:22, "Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having made subject to him."

Psalm 110:1 "The Lord said to my Lord sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

In **Heb. 1:13**...it is the Father who says to the Son "to which of the angels has he ever said, **sit at my right hand**, till I make your enemies your footstool."

Eph. 1:20 "...according to his mighty power which he (the Father) worked in Christ when **he** raised him from the dead and seated **him** at **his** right hand in the heavenly places."

2. Minister of the Sanctuary (Service to Others)

Jesus knew that he had been given His supreme position, not jealously to guard it in splendid isolation, but rather to enable others to attain it and to share it.

The Greeks thought the world in terms of real and unreal. They, including Plato, thought that the world in which we live in was an imperfect world...but somewhere there was a perfect world (unreal and real).

In this world, they thought, we walk in shadows...somewhere there is reality.

The earthly Temple is a pale copy of the real Temple of God. Earthly worship is a pale example of the real worship of God. The Hebrews (Jews) could understand this idea of thought.

The earthly priesthood is unreal and cannot lead people into reality; but Jesus can.

Last part of the reading...Covenant of which He is MEDIATOR is superior to the old one...being founded on better promises.

Mediator "Mesites" (pronunciation = me-see-tace)...or "Mesos", meaning in the middle.

- One who stands in the middle between two people and brings them together.
- Paul calls Moses the "Mesite" (Galatians 3:19) in that he was the one between, who brought the law from God to the people.
- In Rome...there were "arbitri"...those that settled matters of what was fair and just; and it was their duty to bring disputes to an end.
- **In legal Greek, a mesite was a sponsor, a guarantor or surety.** He put up bail for a friend who was on trial; he guaranteed a debt or an overdraft.

The mesites...was someone who was willing to pay a friend's debt to make things right again.

"He paid a debt He did not owe. I owed a debt I could not pay. I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now I sing a brand new song -Amazing Grace! Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay."

**JESUS IS OUR PERFECT MESITE....HE STANDS BETWEEN US AND GOD.
HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION
BETWEEN US AND GOD....BETWEEN THE REAL AND THE UNREAL.
HE WAS AND IS THE "THE REAL THING."**

Hebrews 8:7-13, “For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” ¹³ By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.”

A Covenant Relationship....

Understanding the Covenant....It’s Meaning~

Normal covenant...the word “*suntheke*”...word for a marriage covenant or bond or for an agreement between two states (an agreement entered into by two people or two groups, peoples, countries, etc.)

It is dependent on conditions on which they mutually agree;

Suntheke...always describes an agreement entered into on equal terms.

If either should break the conditions, the covenant becomes void.

The parties to this agreement or covenant are on the same level, and each can bargain with the other.

NOTE: GOD AND HUMAN BEINGS DO NOT MEET ON EQUAL TERMS. THE WHOLE APPROACH COMES FROM GOD...

WE CANNOT BARGAIN WITH GOD; WE CANNOT ARGUE ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT;

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT OR REJECT THE OFFER THAT GOD MAKES.

Greek word “*diatheke*”...in the Bible when used at certain places. Choice word used in the Bible. Why?

This word means....not an agreement but a will.

NOTE: Used mainly in the New Testament.

The supreme example: A Personal Will.

The conditions of a will are not made on equal terms. Entirely one-sided, the terms being set by the person who made the will; and the other party cannot alter them but can only accept or refuse the inheritance offered.

Our relationship with God is described as a “*diatheke*, a covenant for the terms of which only one person is responsible.

Certain marks of the new covenant which Jesus brought:

1. **A New Covenant is Not Revolutionary...***Jeremiah 31:31-34.*
2. **It Will Be Different in Quality and in Kind.** *Neos...time...Kainos means new in quality (its better).*

3. **New in Scope...***Includes All Jews and Gentiles...Not just one sided. It is for all who enters into the Covenant!*
4. **How do we enter the Covenant?**
By believing and receiving/accepting).
5. **New Covenant written upon human hearts and minds...***people obeying God because of love for Him...not because the law compelled them to.*
6. **Will that brings about forgiveness...***God being gracious (not understanding) to their iniquities and would forget their sins.*
NOTE: BASED SOLELY ON THE GRACE OF GOD. ALSO
NOTE...YOU CAN EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT THIS INHERITANCE
WRITTEN IN THE WILL....WRITTEN IN RED.

Written In Red, sung by Janet Paschal

In letters of crimson, God wrote His love...On the hillside so long, long ago.
 For you and for me Jesus died...And love's greatest story was told.
 I love you, I love you...That's what Calvary said.
 I love you, I love you. I love you, written in Red.
 Down through the ages, God wrote His love...With the same hands that suffered and bled.
 Giving all that He had to give...A message so easily read.
 I love you, I love you...That's what Calvary said.
 I love you, I love you. I love you...written in Red.

Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow...No other fount I know, nothing but
 the blood of Jesus.
 I love you, I love you...That's what Calvary said.
 I love you, I love you...I love you, written...in Red.

Songwriter: Gordon Jensen. For non-commercial use only.

The Bible is True!

The Bible has no contradictions (controversies maybe), but no contradictions.

Why do we “keep” studying God’s Word?

Because we never can get enough to satisfy our appetites for heaven.

Water satisfies temporarily. Jesus satisfies permanently and is the “Water of Life.”

Bread satisfies temporarily. Jesus satisfies permanently because “He is the Bread of Life.”

The Word has a tendency to make us look for more. It satisfies....but it wets our appetite to know more.

With that revelation, let’s study the Word some more.

Let’s love God with all our heart, soul, and body. Keeping our minds on things eternal, not to just make it through the day, week, or year.

Knowing Jesus provides our eternal security. Think on that!