

Introduction: The end of a covenant, but invitation into a new one.

1. A summary of this covenant's glory: Jesus in heaven, presenting Himself continually on our behalf

- a. The usefulness of a shadow or a copy: it was Jesus in whom they hoped all along!
- b. Jesus now presides over our worship in the true Holy of Holies
- c. The Lord Jesus, even seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, continues to offer gifts!
- d. We've already learned about some of these worship offerings: declaring God's name to us (2:12a), singing God's praise in the midst of us (2:12b), offering to God His faith and faithfulness as ours (2:13a), presenting those whom He has redeemed in glory (2:13b), receiving tithes (7:4-10), and offering prayers for us (7:25, cf. 5:7)

2. A remedy for the former covenant's faults: the miraculous work of God to glorify His Son in His high priesthood

- a. The Old Covenant was an administration of the covenant of grace, v9a
- b. But it had its faults—the people themselves! It would have taken a miracle to overcome... and the same is true today!
- c. What is the difference? That miracle has been promised:
 - i. The pouring out of God's Spirit for His transforming work in mind and heart (v10, cf. 2Cor 3). Jesus pours out His Spirit as promised (Acts 2:17-35).
 - ii. The establishing of personal, direct fellowship with God, in which He communicates Himself to us, and we willingly acknowledge Him with mouth and life! (v11)
 - iii. The mercy toward our iniquities (v12, Christ, our mercy seat, cf. Rom 3:25). This is the climax of the passage—we don't just have cow blood on the lid of a box in a tent... we have the very blood of God the Son on the throne of glory!!
- d. Why is the difference? We must be careful not to presume to know all of God's reasons, or to have a questioning spirit against His wisdom, but one reason is very clear: for the glory of His Son!

Conclusion: As we trust in Jesus, and especially every week, as we worship Him and worship through Him, we are displaying His glory as our perfect Mediator!