



A More Glorious Covenant, Promises, Ministry
February 23, 2025 - Sermon Outline

Hebrews 8:6

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

a more excellent = (a)excellent, superior (b)different, diverse, of different kinds
ministry = a sacred ministration, any kind of service

The Ministry that the Lord Jesus offers as our Great High Priest is a more excellent ministry. What He does as our High Priest is far superior and is very different from the ministry of the Old Testament priests. He stands as our High Priest in the Throne Room, in the presence of the Father with an unending Priesthood. He covers all areas of our need, ever interceding for us, and always coming to our aid.

mediator = one that acts between two parties in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant

better = more useful, more profitable, more conducive to good, more superior, more excellent, more valuable, stronger, more serviceable, more advantageous.

The Covenant that the Lord Jesus established for us and which He mediates (establishes, enforces for us), is a “better” covenant with “better” promises. The word “better” indicates superiority in every sense: more useful, more profitable, more conducive to good, more superior, more excellent, more valuable, stronger, more serviceable, more advantageous.

2 Corinthians 3:5-12

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.



10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of **the glory that excels.**

11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is **much more glorious.**

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—

We are ministers of the new covenant.

We are ministers of the life-giving Spirit.

The ministry of the Spirit under the New Covenant is “more glorious” (vs 8).

The ministry of righteousness “exceeds much more in glory” (vs 9).

The ministry of the new covenant excels (surpasses) in glory (vs 10).

The new covenant is “much more glorious” (vs 11).

WE ARE IN A BETTER COVENANT, WITH BETTER PROMISES AND A MORE GLORIOUS MINISTRY.

Let’s briefly consider:

THE COVENANT AND THE PROMISES

Under the Old Covenant, which sometimes to be specific, we call the Law or the “Mosaic Covenant” or the Covenant given through Moses, God revealed Himself through His Covenant names. Each covenant name was/is an expression of who God is and what He would be to His people.

They were people of the covenant and God had promised to work with them and through them in a special way.

They were a special people unto God. God drew a distinction between those in covenant with Him, and those who were not.

The blessings of God would overtake them (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). These included doing well in every way: home, family, children, work in the city, work in the field, healing, deliverance, protection, victory over enemies, etc.

[Consider the miracles and works of God for His people under the Old Covenant]

However, God is telling us that the New Covenant He has established for us is far greater than the Old Covenant. The Covenant we are in is “better” i.e. more useful,



more profitable, more conducive to good, more superior, more excellent, more valuable, stronger, more serviceable, more advantageous.

What should our perspective be as people under the New Covenant? Much greater!
What should our expectation be as people under the New Covenant? Much more!

A MORE GLORIOUS MINISTRY

Under the Old Covenant, we see people empowered by the Holy Spirit minister in powerful ways.

God worked unusual miracles under the Old Covenant.

[Recount some of the miracles in the Old Testament]

As we have read in 2 Corinthians 3, the ministry given to us under the New Covenant is much more glorious than the Old Covenant.

Let's consider the word "glory", Greek "doxa" in the Bible. The word "glory" when used in context of God refers to a tangible expression of who God is and what He does. Something happens in our realm that causes us to catch a glimpse or experience who God is and what He does, and we call it "the glory of God".

New Testament ministry, the ministry of the Spirit under the New Covenant will bring more glory, greater glory, what is more glorious – greater expressions and manifestations of who God is and what He does.

Under the New Covenant we must expect much more!

RECEIVE BY FAITH HIS MORE GLORIOUS COVENANT, PROMISES AND MINISTRY.

The ministry of the Lord Jesus was a transitional time. He was ministering to people who lived under the Old Covenant, while He was getting ready to usher in the New Covenant.

Jesus ministered to people on the basis of the Cross.

The Cross is the transitional point. It is the culmination and fulfillment of the Old Covenant, and the beginning of the New Covenant.



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When Jesus ministered, He invited people to come to Him in simple faith.

The Lord Jesus is the Mediator and Advocate of the New Covenant.

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of the New Covenant.

Both the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are ready to administer the New Covenant provisions and blessings to us.

We can now receive by faith.

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Hebrews 8:6; 2 Corinthians 3:5-12*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, Discuss - the New Covenant God has established for us is far greater than the Old Covenant. The Covenant we are in is "better" i.e. more useful, more profitable, more conducive to good, more superior, more excellent, more valuable, stronger, more



serviceable, more advantageous. How does this shape our perspective and expectations as New Covenant people?

#2, Discuss - similarly, concerning New Testament ministry, the ministry of the Spirit under the New Covenant will bring more glory, greater glory, what is more glorious – greater expressions and manifestations of who God is and what He does. How does this shape our perspective and expectation as New Covenant people?

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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Considering Hebrews 8:6; 2 Corinthians 3:5-12. The New Covenant God has established for us is far greater than the Old Covenant. The Covenant we are in is “better” i.e. more useful, more profitable, more conducive to good, more superior, more excellent, more valuable, stronger, more serviceable, more advantageous. Similarly, New Testament ministry, the ministry of the Spirit under the New Covenant will bring more glory, greater glory, what is more glorious – greater expressions and manifestations of who God is and what He does.

We are in a better covenant, with better promises and a more glorious ministry.

What should our perspective be as people under the New Covenant? Much greater!

What should our expectation be as people under the New Covenant? Much more!

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