**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 8:1-13

SERMON: Rejoice in Better Promises!

### INTRODUCTION

**A. THE SUPREMACY OF THE SON OF GOD** (1:1-3; 5,6; 8; 13; etc.)

**B. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE SON** (1:4f & 2:5f; 3:5f; 4:8f; 4:14-7:28)

## I. BETTER PRIESTLY MINISTRY: HEAVENLY REALITIES (8:1-6)

- A. SUPERIOR PRIESTLY PERSON: ETERNAL (8:1; c.4-7; see 7:3,16-19,24f)
- **B. SUPERIOR PRIESTLY WORK: HEAVENLY** (8:1,5,6; see 4:14; 7:26; c.9,10)
  - 1. enthroned in heaven (8:1; see 1:3,13; 10:12; 12;2; Ps.110:1,4; Acts 2:25f; Eph.1:20f; 1Pt.3:22)
  - 2. real, heavenly, God made tabernacle (8:2, contrast 5; 9:11,24; see c.9,10; see Eph.5:18f)
  - 3. real, heavenly, God accepted offering (8:3; 9:11f; contrast 8:4,5)
- C. SUPERIOR COVENANT: EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP (8:10b,12; see Rom.5:10; 2Cor.5:18f)

# II. <u>BETTER COVENANT W/BETTER PROMISES: ACCOMPLISHED SALVATION</u> (8:7-13)

- A. BETTER COVENANT (8:6; 7:22; see 12:24; note: first/second, old/new, good/better)
- **B. PROBLEM WITH THE COVENANT** (8:7,13; see 7:11; 18,19; 23; see 10:1f,4; see 9:10)
- C. PROBLEM WITH THE PEOPLE (8:8f; see OT!)
  - 1. covenant made by their God: I will be your God & you will be My people (8:10; see Ex.6:7; Lev.26:12; Ps.50:7; Is.40:1; Jer.7:23; 11:4; 2Cor.6:16; Rev.21:3; see Gen.6:18,etc.)
  - 2. covenant broken by His people: not continue (8:9; Jer.31:32 (MT/LXX) /Is.24:5 /Heb.6:12f; 10:35f; 12:1f)
  - 3. covenant ruined for their God: did not care for (8:9; Jer.31:32 (MT/LXX); see Hos.1:9; Is.50:1f; Ezk.16:1f)

#### **D. SOLUTION FROM THE LORD** (8:8f; see c.9,10)

- 1. new covenant made by their God: eternal, relentless love (8:8f; Jer.31:31f; 1,3 /Dt.4:37; 7:7f; 10:15; Ps.25:6; Mal.1:2; Rom.11:28 /Hos.1:6f,10; Eph.1:3f; 5:2; JJn.4:19f /Ps.89:30f; Amos 3:2; Heb.12:6f /Gn.3:15,24 & Hb.10:19f)
- 2. new covenant effected: forgiveness of sins accomplished (8:12; see 10:11f,17; c.9,10)

#### E. BETTER PROMISES: FINAL ACCOMPLSHMNT & BETTER APPLICATN OF SALVATION (8:8f)

- 1. forgiveness of sins accomplished (8:12; see 10:11f,17; c.9:11f; 10:1f)
- 2. good promise: led by the hand (8:9; see Is.30:21; Gal.3:23f; Eph.4:14f)
- 3. better promise: led by the heart & mind (8:10b = 10:16)
  - a. law into mind (8:10b; see 5:14; Lk.24:45; Rom.12:2,16; Eph.4:23; Col.3:2; Rev.2:23)
  - b. law on heart (8:10b; see 2Cor.3:3; Ps.37:31; 40:8; Prov.4:23; Is.51:7; Mk.7:19)
  - c. engraved anew (8:10b; see Rom.2:15 (Gen.1:26); 1:21a; Eph.4:18; see Ex.32:16 (Jer.17:1; 2Cor.3:3); Ps.19:7f; 119:11,105; Prv.3:3; 7:3; Lk.8:12f; Heb.4:12f; 5:11f; 2Tm.3:14f)
  - d. God Himself is the writer (8:11,10; see Ex.32:16; Is.54:13; Lk.12:12; 24:44; (2Cor.4:4); 1Th.4:9; 1Jn.2:27; and Heb.5:11f; Eph.4:11f; 1Tm.4:12f; 2Tm.3:14f)

## III. REJOICE IN BETTER PROMISES! (8:1-13)

- A. REJOICE THAT THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS IS ACCOMPLISHED! (8:12; 9:14; 10:17,18; 2f)
- B. REJOICE IN YOUR ETERNAL PRIEST & HIS HEAVENLY MINISTRY! (7:1f,24f; 8:1f; 9:11f /7:25; 4:14f)
- C. REJOICE IN THE FREEDOM OF YOUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY! (8:9f; 5:14; 2Tm.3:17,14f /2Cor.3:17; Gal.3:23f; 5:1f; 13f; Eph.4:14f; see Rom.14:5,1f)
- **D. REJOICE TO BE TAUGHT BY GOD!** (8:11,10; see Ex.32:15f; Is.54:13; Lk.12:12; 24:44; (2Cor.4:4); 1Th.4:9; 1Jn.2:27; and Heb.5:11f; Eph.4:11f; 1Tm.4:12f; 2Tm.3:14f)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)