

Better Promises – Sermon Transcript

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Let's talk about Hebrews 8:6. We're going to start today in Hebrews 8:6. Amen. Hebrews 8:6. I'm in the New King James today. Here we go. 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. Say better promises. So You are now in a better covenant with better promises. You have never known another one. BC, right? Before Christ, before covenant, before new covenant. There was an old covenant. There was an old promise. And it had to do with the physical, the physical atonement for sin. And the blood of innocent lambs and goats covered Your sin, as if a blanket covered Your mess or the bed covered Your sin, right? All of your toys when your mother and father told You to pick up, you covered your mess and put it under the bed. This is the old covenant.

The blood of lambs and the blood of bulls and the blood of goats covered the sin so that God couldn't see it, but He needed a better covenant. He needed one that would remove the mess, that would remove the sin, that would remove the shame, that would remove the guilt and get it clean and purified. The old covenant sought for the physical redemption, but Jesus said there's a better one. You are going to see in the old covenant the need for the new. And this is what the book was all about. Our patriarchs of faith were looking for a better covenant than the one that God had given them because, yes, I can be blameless before God for a moment.

But yet I still, when I stand before God, need to be cleansed as Isaiah. He was under the covenant. He was obeying the law of God, but Isaiah went and stood before God and He said, yea, I'm a man of unclean lips and I am in the midst of an unclean people. I have to be cleansed. And the mercy of God was able to put the fire upon His lips to cleanse Him for that moment. But He was looking for a better covenant. I need better promises. I need a better place where I can come before God boldly, without shame, without guilt, without condemnation in My soul. Say in the soul. The old was about the flesh. The new was about the spirit man. The new is about the spirit man.

And so here we are in Hebrews 8:6, but now He, Jesus, say Jesus, has obtained. You didn't have to say that, but great job. He has obtained a more excellent ministry in as much as He, that's Jesus, say Jesus, is also mediator of a better covenant. He has not abolished the old. He said, I have not come to abolish the old covenant, but I've come to fulfill it. Jesus is the mediator. He's the link between the old and the new. So the promises of the old still come

to you. But then there's more. You see, He doesn't negate the promises of the old. He doesn't abolish the promises of the old, but He says, we're going to link.

I will be the mediator of the old promises and the old blessings upon You and your house, the physical blessings, the physical promises upon you that the old covenant was to bring. But now there's a new one with new promises that are even better. Do you understand? And so you can't just throw out the old because Jesus is the link. He is the mediator between the old covenant and the new covenant. There is still a blessing to be had from the old, and there is still a blessing to be found in the new. There is still a blessing to be had in the old, and there is a blessing to be found in the new.

And You're like, Grant, what are you talking about, old and new? The Old Testament is old covenant, testament. A testament is a will. When Your father and Your mother hopefully have a will for you and Your father and Your mother pass away, that testament is given to the inheritor of that will. Amen. In the old covenant, when something died, the blood of a lamb or the blood of a bull, that death released the promises of the old covenant. But it could only go so long. And so Then Jesus came and said, I am the Lamb of God. And now His blood, His perfect body, His perfection released the testimony, the testament, the will of the old and released the will of the new because someone died.

It says in Hebrews that there was one that died and He is the testator of His own covenant. He is the testator of his own will. He died. Someone has died to release the inheritance to you. Someone has died to release the inheritance to you. Do not live as if you cannot inherit it today. There is an old inheritance to be had today and there is a new inheritance to find today. There has been one that has died and He ascended into heaven and he took the keys of sin and death and Hades and said, all authority has been given to me. And he put his own blood in the real temple of God in heaven. He said to Mary, don't touch me. I am ascending to the Father to give us not only the victory of the old promises, but now the victory of a new one. And it's for you and I. Say for you and I. In Hebrews 7:22, it says, by so much more, Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. In Hebrews 7:22, by so much more, Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Wow. By so much more. We're talking about better promises. We're talking about better promises.

Let's go to Ephesians 3. You're like, what are those better promises? I want to go to Ephesians 3, but I want to remind You of in the old covenant in Deuteronomy 28, which says that He who follows the commandments of God, who listens to the Lord, who does righteously, who obeys the voice of the Lord, there is blessings. This is Deuteronomy 28. You might have heard some of them, right? That you will be blessed wherever you live or work, whether you live in the city or in the field. Do you remember that? Yes? Coming and going, you are blessed as you come and you're blessed as you go. Blessed is your basket.

Blessed is your kneading bowl. Blessed are your children and they will grow to be blessed. Blessed will be your crops. They will thrive in the field. Your cows, your sheep, your livestock will have healthy offspring. Blessed will be your barns. Blessed will be your savings. Blessed will be your storehouses, right? Everything you try to do will succeed. You will lend and not have to borrow, right? Do you know what I'm talking about?

These are all the blessings of God. He will pour out rain upon your land in due season. You are the head and not the tail. You are above and not beneath. And You will be held as a special people unto God. You can read them in full if You'd like to, but that's Deuteronomy 28. There are real blessings. This is what You often ask for God today. You ask for these things today, for the blessing of God to overtake You in these physical places. And the promise is here, but that is an old covenant promise that God gives You today. And He's asking you to agree with better promises than just these. Don't just live for these physical blessings. Don't just live for the Deuteronomy 28 blessings. Yea, they are here in God, in the blood of the Lamb, and they are Yours. You are blessed when you come in. You are blessed when you go out. You are the head and not the tail. You are above and not beneath. When you pray there will not be a brass ceiling above your head. And these are yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

But there are better promises, is what the scripture is saying. There is something more. Say, there's something more. This is physical. He's calling me to the spiritual. He is not just a physical God, though His name is Emmanuel, God with us. But when He came the first time, He didn't just try to meet our physical needs. He came to be the savior of our spiritual needs. He said, I didn't just come to give you life. But I came to give you life abundantly. I didn't just come to fulfill your everyday life needs, but I came to give you an eternal, everlasting, abundant, spiritual life. Do you see it? So there's something to cling to in the spirit, but we get satisfied with just the physical blessing of the Old Testament. But there's more. There are better promises of a better covenant in as much that He is the mediator of it. Say amen.

Like, okay, grant, this is going. Yes, it's going. Say we're going. We're going in. We're diving in. Yes. There was also healing in the old covenant. Did You know that? Deuteronomy 7:15 is just one of the verses that says, and the Lord will take away from You all sickness. That's in Deuteronomy 7. The Lord will take away from You all sickness and will afflict You with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt, which you have known. That's an old, and Jesus came to fulfill it, and He showed it, that they came to Him with various afflictions and diseases, and He healed them all. And He does that to this day. But healing is an old covenant promise for you and your house. And He is the mediator of that healing. Say amen. Yes and amen. Jesus is the surety of both covenants, old and new. He is the mediator providing gifts to men.

So are You in Ephesians 3? Let's read from verses 20 and 21 here. And then we'll kind of backtrack a little bit. Yes? Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us, verse 21, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. If You can't think it, it's spiritual. If You can't think it in your natural mind, it's supernatural. It's supernatural. To him who can do exceedingly above what You ask, that's natural as far as you can go and think, then it's supernatural. So He's calling you to something you can't know unless you know the Spirit of God. He's calling you to the spirit realm. He's calling you to the supernatural realm. He's calling you to the unseen realm. He's calling you to the kingdom of heaven.

That's why it's not the gospel of earth. It's the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. The gospel of the kingdom. The gospel of the unseen realm. The gospel of the kingdom. He came around doing good and preaching and teaching the gospel of the kingdom. It's a spiritual place and it's here and it's now and it's moving in. Amen? You see it? Go to chapter 1. Here is some of the promises of the New Testament. Jesus is the surety of both covenants. He is the link. He is the life. He is the bond between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Yes? Here's some of the promises. Ephesians 1, we're going to start—it's just so good. Let's start in verse 18. No, we're going to start in verse 17. All right, verse 17. You ready?

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to You the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. Let's pause right there. Here we go. First things that you are here to get is wisdom and revelation and knowledge of who? Him. That is a better promise. that not just the high priest goes in, not just the priesthood, not just the prophet, not just the one, but all. Not just the one, but all. He is the mediator. He is the mediator. He has no need of any other. He is the high priest. He has no need. But yet He calls us all priests unto His God under His order of priesthood, under His order of the priesthood.

So we all are priests now. We all have access to know Him, to stand in the presence. How I long to stay in the place where Your glory dwells. How I long to minister here. How I long to be a palm tree in the house of our Lord. How I long to be a pillar in the temple of God. And He has given You access to have wisdom and a revelation and the knowledge of him. Say that is it. To know God is it. But You cannot know an invisible God without the spirit of the living God. Romans 8: who knows the spirit of a man, but yea, the spirit in that man. Who

knows the living God, but the spirit of the living God. You have to have the spirit. Yes? So this is a spiritual call, that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened. The eyes of your spirit man would be enlightened. Say, enlightened. enlightened, yes.

Two, that You would know the hope of His calling. That You would know the hope of His calling. That you would know the hope of His calling. What is the hope of his calling? What is his desire? What is his longing? What is the hope of his calling? That's a spiritual thing. Three, the exceeding greatness of his power towards us who believe. That's a spiritual thing. The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you. The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you. And you go, Grant, this is hard to understand. Yes, but this and these are the better promises He's calling us to lay hold of. And the one that has the mouthful riches of the glory of Jesus' inheritance in the saints. What are the riches of his glory and his inheritance in the saints? That is a communion. As you behold his glory, He is glorified. And because He is in you, it's expounding upon itself. It's a catalyst.

You know what a catalyst does? It is what triggers a chemical reaction without being used up. It's a substance that You can place in a reaction that causes the reaction to start, but yet at the end of the reaction it has never been used up, it's been remade. That is what this scripture is about, that as You behold and understand the riches of the glory of God, that You increase Jesus's inheritance in You and then it just keeps expounding and building that I will be glorified in You as You behold My glory and it increases as You behold that glory it expounds more in you. That's why it's so hard to understand because it's a communion with the glory of God. Do you see it? Do you see it? What are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints? Twofold.

When we go to John 10:10, you know it. We quote it here a lot. And it's talking about the thief and it gives understanding to what the devil has done and is doing to this day. And the thief does not come but to do one thing. But to do one thing. And here's his mission, John 10:10. You with me? The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I, that's the Lord, I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. Now when we focus on this verse, we focus on the physical things that the devil does. He steals my stuff. He takes away my children. He takes away my job. He afflicts me with disease. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy my life. And that is true. We understand that this is what the thief does and this is all he does because there's no exception to it. He does nothing except this.

But what You have to understand is that He is first attacking Your soul and Your spirit before the physical. He comes to steal Your joy and steal Your salvation and steal your future spiritually. He tries to abort your destiny. He tries to kill your hope. These are the things that

He does first. And so when Christ comes, He says, I know what the devil is doing to afflict your soul, to traumatize your heart. to block your mind, to block your ears, to block your eyes from being enlightened to understand the better promises. And if He can just get you to focus on the physical, then you can't lay hold of it all. the devil wants us to do is just lay hold of a part of God. Just don't get the whole thing. If I can get a Christian to still be in torment, if I can get a Christian to just barely make it to heaven and just make it there, and I got to beat Him up as much as I could to the doorway of God, that's all He wants to do.

But Jesus says, but no, but I came that You may have life and life abundant. Eternal life today. Everlasting life today. Everlasting life now. Now. Now. Do you understand? Go to Philippians. You're like, can you do that? Yes, you can do that now. Go to Philippians. This is Paul and He's in jail. And he's like, this is what I'm going after right now. I am in jail, but I want this. I am going after this. Philippians 3:11. Paul says this, we're going to read Philippians 3:10 and 3:11. that I may know Him, Jesus, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if by any means I may attain the resurrection from the dead. What is he going after? You go, you can't go after that. Why not? Why not? Why not? Who told Paul not to go after it? Nobody. He said, I'm going after the resurrection of the dead because there's better promises in the New Testament.

There are better promises in the New Covenant that I may attain in the sufferings and the body of Christ. I could attain resurrection, glorified body now. He was going after something You think you can only get in the end. And there's a rumor that John is like that in the church. Right? The rumor that that's why the rumor spread that John didn't get taken up. The early church said that John never died because Jesus told Peter, if it's to Me to keep Him until I come back, what is that to you? And a rumor spread in the early church that John never died. And you go, that's crazy. No, it's a better promise. What are you actually believing for? What are you really believing for? You are believing for eternal life that you will have a glorified body, that this flesh will not fight you anymore. That this is dead and gone and buried.

When I went into my baptism grave, I am buried. And I came out a new creation and new life. And that new life is going glory to glory, faith to faith, justified, justified, justified, sanctified, sanctified, sanctified. What is the purpose of Christ's likeness if You cannot walk in glorified body now? That's what Paul's saying. Why sell yourself short? Why stop? Why not keep believing? Why not right now? that I may attain, if by any means, the resurrection from the dead today. Wow. Verse 12, not that I have already attained it or am already perfect, but I press on that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also lay hold of Me. It's already there. It's already waiting for us. The better promise is not just for the

physical blessings. The better promise is for the glory of God to be made manifest in Your bones.

That the life of God, the blood of Jesus, pumps through Your veins. That is why it was so offensive when the Jews said, You want us to eat Your flesh and drink Your blood? And that is why there's a rub to this day in the house of God. Because what is the preacher really asking You to do? Go so much after God that You are in Him and He is in You that you are not Your own and you are glorified in Him so much that your flesh is filled with the light of Christ. And you are as you are to be when we raise from the dead. Enoch walked with God and He is no more. Did Elijah see death? Did Elijah see death? And you go, are you saying I can believe that? Yes. Why not? The Bible does not say you shouldn't. The Bible says go and believe. The Bible says be a believer. The Bible says go and believe impossible things first for your own heart and life in Christ Jesus.

Yes. There was once a lady in this house And I remembered her later on in life when we would go and see her. She was always so frustrated at her body failing her because it wasn't what she was believing for. And I didn't understand that as much then because I was like, well, You know, we're all in futility, right? Like this flesh is going to deteriorate because of the curse of Adam. and the curse of mankind that we all have been born into and we have agreed with. And you just think, that's just the nature of it. And now I realize looking back, she did not care about the nature of it. She wanted the super nature, the supernatural. And every time we go over, she just sees, I am so frustrated with my flesh, is not agreeing with my faith. I remember. And now I understand. I remember and now I understand. And that's the faith that the patriarchs are calling you into. That's the faith that the Bible is calling you into and that's the faith that I'm trying to call you into. The glory of Christ being manifested in you.

Because Jesus prayed it. Go to John 17. Colossians 1:27 says, to them God willed to make known, those are our patriarchs, to them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is its Christ in You, the hope of glory. In John 17, this is Jesus at the Last Supper with His disciples, and He is praying this prayer. And he says this in verses 22 and 23, and the glory which you gave me, I have given them that they may be one just as we are one. 23, I in them and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that you have sent me and I have loved them as you have loved me. I think it's so interesting here that Jesus says the world will know. The world will know the kingdom of heaven. The world will know the God of heaven when We are filled with His glory. That's so opposite, right, of what you often think.

We often think, I have to show Jesus' character. I have to show I'm the hands and feet of Christ. I have to show. And He's saying here, no, You need to behold my glory, that you

would know what the riches of the glory of the inheritance is in the saints. And when I am in you and you are in Me and we are perfected in this glory, then the world will know. What an interesting thing that when the glory of God fills this temple greater and greater and greater, as the glory of God fills Your temple greater and greater and greater, then the world will know. Then the world will know. It's an inside out, upside down kingdom, isn't it? It's an inside out, upside down kingdom, isn't it? And let's read it again in verse 22. And the glory which you gave me, Father, I have given them that they may be one just as we are. One. I in them and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one.

Perfect is perfect. I want You to believe for perfection. I want You to believe that God is making You perfect. I want you to believe that Christ in Me, the hope of glory, that Christ likeness is removing the physical and moving Me into the spiritual realm more and more, that My flesh is receiving the glory of God in perfection, in perfection. perfect in one. Yes, and that the world may know that you have sent Me, and here's the kicker, and have loved them just as you have loved Me. It's all about love. Say it's all about love. Let's go to Romans 8. That you may attain the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already attained it or that I'm already perfect, But I press on towards that goal of perfection for what Christ has already laid hold of for me. I'm not saying I'm already perfect, but I press on towards that goal, perfect in one, in the love of the Father and the glory of God.

Better promises. Say better promises. There was no way You could encounter this glory of God in the Old Testament. There was not a way. There was a veil There was a block, there was a physical block to separate us from the glory of God. And the moment that His heart was stopped, He ripped that veil as a prophetic symbol that now my glory is unleashed to be in you. And there is nothing I want more than you to lay hold of this, that you can come as close as you want by the blood of the Lamb. And he cries out, why don't you want to? Because I wanted to so much, I went to the cross. Why don't you want to lay hold of this resurrection power? Why don't you want to? Why don't we want to? Those are the better promises of God. Those are the better covenant promises of God. And the zeal of the Lord accomplishes it.

Yes, Romans 8:29. It's near the end, and then we'll backtrack. For whom Jesus foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Say amen. That's me. That He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called. Whom He called, these He also justified. And whom He justified, these He also glorified. It doesn't say when, but You put in your mind, I will be glorified in the sweet by and by. Because I did it. I know you did it. You go, well, that's my future. Why can't it be your future now? Because He didn't just give you everlasting life for when you die, He gave it for you now. I come to give you life and life abundantly now. You receive healing now. You

receive all of the blessings of God now. I'm blessed in the city now. I'm blessed when I go out now.

The kingdom of heaven is coming here. We are not going to the kingdom of heaven. We ask to bring it here. Heavenly Father, You are with Me. Holy be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on the earth as it is in heaven. My goal is not to get there. My goal is to bring You here. So if I'm trying to get you here, why can't I be glorified now? Why can't I go through that process now? Yes? This is faith. This is faith. This is the walk of faith. This is why when you talk to a matriarch in the family and they're in their last days and they're frustrated that their body is dying because they are walking in faith of the glorified risen Christ is in Me. It's in me. Yes? Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called, and whom He called, these He also justified, and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Say that can be me. By faith. Amen. And it will be all of us by faith.

Let's go to Romans 8:16–18. Kind of scoot back, do a little scoot. Romans 8:16. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Amen. The Holy Spirit himself is bearing witness to You that You are a child of God. The Holy Spirit himself. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if we are children, then heirs. heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Now You understand the narrow Rd. we talked on it, is filled with baggage of where You have let go of yourself. And the narrow Rd. is a road of Christ's likeness, where it is less and less of Your identity and less and less and more and more of taking on Christ's identity as Your own. And you take that on through the sufferings of Christ, the persecution, the same persecution that He dealt with comes upon you.

Not persecution because of Your character, persecution because You are taking on Christ's likeness. that you would glorify. They weren't excited when they got out of jail that they were whipped for being Peter and John. They were excited because they said, we got the same whipping that they whipped Christ with. That was their joy. Not that it was our character or our reputation that was being on trial. No, they recognized they had been with Jesus. And what they did to Jesus, they did to them. And they said, that I am so pleased. Their joy was filled because they partook of the same sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When you know that you are being persecuted as a Christian for your Christian character, there is joy. There is joy. There is joy. And this is what Brandy talked on last week, because passion is suffering. The root of passion means suffering. That is what passion is.

It is what are you willing to suffer through because you love so much. Passion is suffering. What are you willing to endure because of your love? What are you willing to endure because of your love is true passion. It's suffering. Do you understand? Passion for His name. What will you long to suffer to know Him more? That's the better promise, to know

God, not just in the good, but to know God through the hard, to know God in His grief, to know God in His sorrow, to know God in those places. Abraham walked with God and prayed and the Lord said, how can I keep from Abraham My servant what I'm about to do to Sodom and Gomorrah? And Abraham prays with Him and has to know God's hate and brokenness for wickedness. He has to know God's wrath towards sin. And Abraham still cries for mercy, but there is a relationship there because Abraham knew God.

And He walked with Him through that suffering of seeing mankind falling and He has to judge it. Only one man and woman walked on the earth following the Lord at this time and it was Abraham. How did that grieve the Lord? You with Me? If children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Verse 18. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. It's about glory. The Old Testament promises were victorious. They were awesome. But the New Testament better promises are about glory and the glory of God in You and the glorification of Jesus in You. And as You are glorified in Christ, He receives His inheritance of His suffering. He receives the inheritance of His passion. He receives it more and more as You are glorified through the sufferings that we can't, this is nothing to compare to the glory of God that's going to be revealed in us through this.

He then receives the joy from His suffering. It is that back and forth, back and forth. Isn't that beautiful? Partaking of His passion. You attain the resurrection of the dead by partaking in his suffering and his passion. All of this was about love. Jesus suffered for what He loved most. A bride fully enamored and in love with Him. You will suffer for what You love most. You will suffer for what You love most. That's passion. And if You love Christ the most, You have a passion for his name. You will suffer for what you love most. And if you love Christ the most, you will have a passion for his name. True passion is suffering in love. Amen? So that is our word for today. To be glorified as a Christian in Christ. It's resurrection life right now. Glory. To be glorified as a Christian in Christ. Resurrection life right now.

We will celebrate resurrection life right now. We have a baptism, too. Yes, for Adriana and Sophia somewhere. She's in Smaller Saints. So that will be down there. Don't leave. Celebrate resurrection life and the process that God is doing there. And we are so thankful. So let's stand up and let's pray. And then we will go and celebrate and give God the glory. And make sure You hug each other. And we will be up here for prayer if You need it. Amen. So Lord Jesus, we thank You that You are in us as the Father is in You and you have given us Your glory. Show us God, give us eyes and ears to hear that our eyes of our understanding would be enlightened to know. and behold the glory of God, the better promises, the gifts of the Spirit, the sevenfold fullness of Your Spirit, the sevenfold fullness of God, that we would

be overflowing and overjoyed to walk in the resurrection life and power, in the glorified body, that we would be justified and sanctified and glorified through the love of Christ. We thank you that which we Love the most, we will suffer through. And God be the one. Jesus be the center. Jesus be it all. And we confess that you are the Lord of heaven and earth. You are the only one worthy of all of our heart and all of our love and all of our passion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.