“A New Covenant”

Intro: All who _______ in _________ have in Him such a Great High Priest who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, who ministers to us and on our behalf in the heavenly sanctuary, in the true tabernacle of God.

A. As we studied last Lord’s Day, in the 8th chapter and the 6th verse the Author of the letter expressed that the reason the covenant of which Jesus is the ______________ is better than the Old is because it was enacted on better promises.

B. This morning it is our joy to learn of the __________ promises upon which God enacted the __________ covenant.

Heb 8:7-13
7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.
8 For finding fault with them, He says,

"Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;
9 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers On the day when I took them by the hand To lead them out of the land of Egypt;
For they did not continue in My covenant, And I did not care for them, says the Lord.
10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them upon their hearts.
And I will be their God, And they shall be My people.
11 "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all shall know Me, From the least to the greatest of them.
12 "For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more."
13 When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

I. A better covenant was needed because the _________ covenant was ____________.

A. The Old Covenant plays a necessary and vital role as God intended but in so much as it does not bring a man into a right saving relationship with God so is it faulty - perfectly faulty ___ perfect __________.
B. The Old Covenant pressured the man from without as with a heavy ___________ but the New and Better Covenant reforms the man from within with his heart set at ___________!

II. Here then the Author begins to speak of the better ___________ upon which the better covenant was ___________.

A. God made a prophetic ___________ whereby He said that He would in time effect a ______ covenant.

B. God said that the New Covenant would _____ be ________ the _____ Covenant that was made with the fathers.

C. God promised that under the New Covenant He would put His law ______ the believers’ minds, writing them _________ the believers’ hearts.
   1. Which do you suppose God desires: external worship that is according to the letter of the law or internal ___________ that is according to the ________ of the law?

D. So did God promise saying, “And I will be ___________ God, And they shall be _____ people.”
   1. Because God will be their God and they His people so will there be a ___________ relationship.

E. Here is the promise of _______: to all who come to Him under the terms of the New Covenant He will be _____________ to their iniquities, and remember their sins no more!

III. He who said, “A new covenant” is He who made the first and by His own Authority _____________ the first.

A. That which has been abrogated is that which was then ready to _____________, and now has disappeared.

Closing: The _____ Covenant is now, and it is better because it was ___________ upon the better promises of God.

Will you follow after the non-saving covenant of Old or will you follow after Christ Jesus the mediator of the better covenant which was enacted upon the ___________ _____________ _____________ of God?

Where men cannot, God can and has. Where men are lost, God finds them and brings them upward. Where there is no way, God makes a _______ and has made the way through Christ ___________. What a loving and gracious God!