

The Better Ministry

Hebrews 7:11-22

Psalm 110

Before any man can think to stand before the face of God's justice or be admitted to the secret chamber of God's mercy or partake of the riches of His grace, he must look to the Mediator, Christ Jesus.

-Stephen Charnock

I. A Better Priest

II. A Better Hope

III. A Better Covenant

Into the Bible

Under the old covenant between God and His people the priests were appointed to serve as mediators. A mediator is needed when there is an issue between two parties—in this case human sinners under God's just wrath. Under the new covenant, who fulfills this role of mediator? (1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 9:15, 1 John 2:1)

The sacrifices offered under the old covenant provided a covering for the sins of those who brought them. Beginning in the Garden of Eden, God has lovingly made a way to cover our sins (Genesis 3:21) How do these verses exemplify that? (Psalm 103:8-12, 1 Peter 4:8)

Application

The sacrifices that God instituted could only cover the sins of individuals and allow God's grace to cover the guilt for past actions. What has changed for us under the new covenant made through Christ's sacrifice? (Ezekiel 36:26-27, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

For Families

Talk with your children about the purpose of the sacrifices made in the Old Testament and why Christ's sacrifice was so necessary.