

The Logic of Hebrews 8:1-13

Thesis

8:1 Our high priest ministers in heaven, in the true holy places, in the majestic presence of God.

Reason

8:2 **For:** He must offer something to God.

Inference

8:4 **Now:** He could not do so on earth.

Reason

There are earthly priests.

Corollary

8:5 The earthly is a copy of the heavenly.

8:6 **But:** His is a better ministry, mediating a better covenant.

Explanation

8:7 **For:** (1) A better covenant had been promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34

8:8 Demonstration

The LORD promised a new covenant

8:9 Reason

For: Israel and Judah broke the first covenant.

Promises

8:10 **For:** A new mind and heart

8:11 **For:** A new relationship

8:12 **For:** A new forgiveness

8:13 (2) The new makes the first obsolete, and it is ready to vanish.