

## Hebrews 7:23 - 8:7

### “A Much More Excellent Ministry” (Part 1)

- Introductory Thoughts:
- Central Theme: Jesus’ ministry is much more excellent than that of any OT priest...
- 1. ...because it is the substance, not just the *shadow*. (8:1-7)
  - a. The *shadows* are valuable in that they “set the stage” for the substance by demonstrating that:
    - ✓ God is holy and cannot ignore sin.
    - ✓ Reconciliation to God requires atonement by sacrificial death.
    - ✓ Intercession for sinners must be made by an appointed representative.
    - ✓ Something better was coming.
  - b. The substance answers and exceeds those expectations by...
    - ✓ ...presenting an eternal Sacrifice...
    - ✓ ...offered by a perfect High Priest...
    - ✓ ...who is also the King of righteousness and peace.

Next Week:

- 2. ...because it mediates a new and better covenant. (8:6-13)

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Response Questions or Comments:

*(detach and place in black basket  
in front during Lord’s Table)*