

Hebrews 8: Potty Training

8 Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, **2** a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. **3** For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer. **4** Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; **5** who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." **6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

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 on 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 will 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.

	OLD Covenant	NEW Covenant	
	Placed upon stone	Placed upon people's hearts	
	Based on the law	Based on desire to love + serve God	I have to → I want to!
	Must be taught	Known by all	
	Legal relationship with God	Personal relationship with God	
REFERENCE	OLD Cov under Moses	NEW Cov in Christ	APPLICATION
Heb 8:3-4	Gifts and sacrifices by those guilty of sin	Self-sacrifice by the guiltless Christ	Christ died for you
8:5-6, 10-12	Focused on physical building where one goes to worship	Focused on reign of Christ in believers' hearts	God is directly involved in your life
8:5-6, 10-12	A shadow	A reality	Not temporal, but eternal
8:6	Limited promises	Limitless promises	We can trust God's promises to us
8:8-9	Failed agreement by people	Faithful agreement by Christ	Christ has kept the agreement where people couldn't