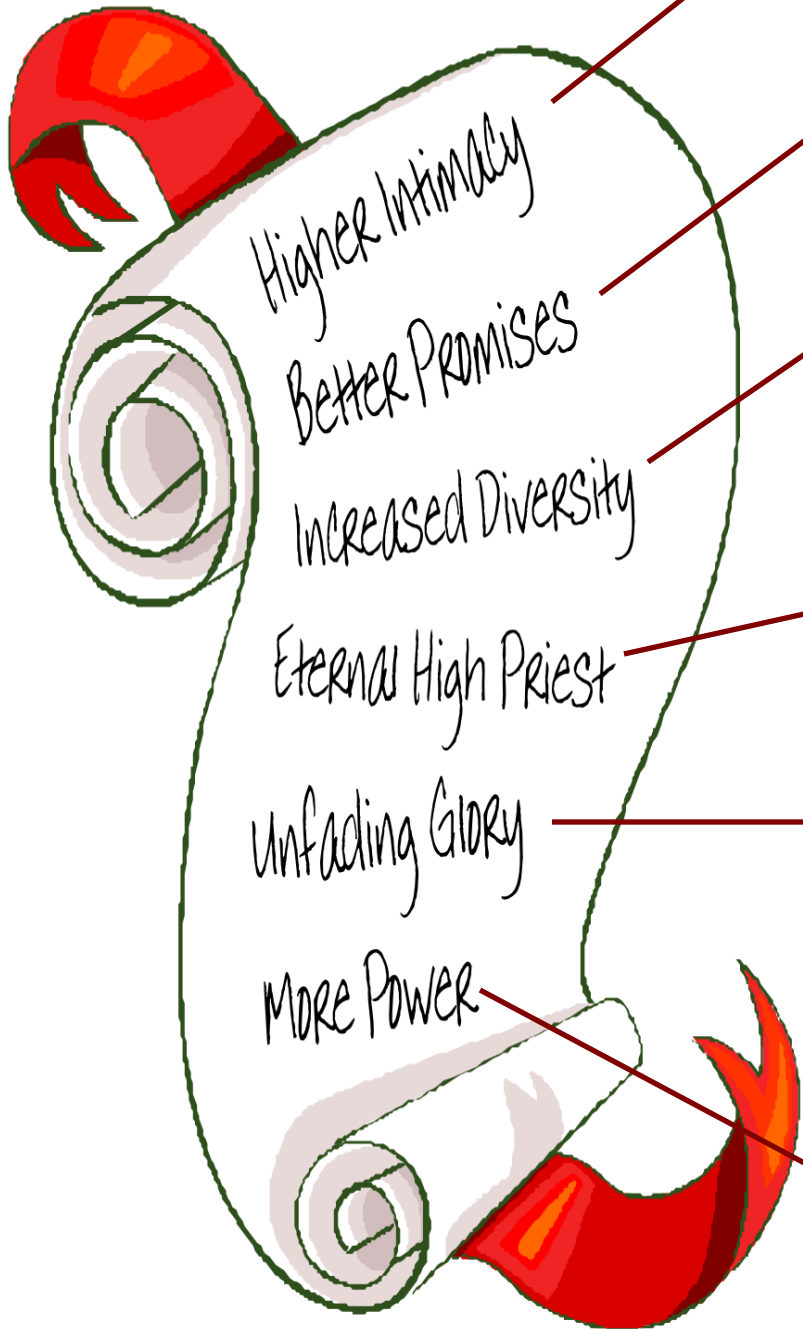


Superiority of the New Covenant



Under the Old Covenant all had to approach God through Priests. Even the priests could not approach God in his presence, except once a year on the **Day of Atonement**. Through Christ (new covenant), the veil was torn and His people can have access to the presence of God, bold access to the throne of grace.

The new covenant is enacted on better promises (Heb 8:6). The mediator of this new covenant is Christ, and the promises on His name are greater, as he is greater than all his predecessors. Jesus is the surety (guarantee) that God will keep the promises made, inaugurated through His shed blood. (7:22).

The Old Covenant was centered around a specific place and a particular people. It was a “come-see religion” impossible to disseminate to other cultures without bringing them into the same physical location. •By contrast, the New Covenant is a “go-tell religion” While it remains for a particular people, it is not confined to a specific place. It meant for all peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations.

Christ is the greatest High Priest, and the everlasting High Priest of His people. He is preeminent, perfect, and pure. While other priests were always delayed by death and restricted by their own sin, Christ lives forever and without restriction (sin). He always lives to make intercession.

The glory in the old covenant was temporal and great. It was attributed much glory. The glory of the new covenant is not a tabernacle or a temple, but of a kingdom. The beauty is that of Christ, who will dwell as the light, king, and *intercessor* of this kingdom - eternally.

For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious what remains is much more glorious. 2 Corinthians 3:9-11

Under the old covenant the law was given as a teacher, to instruct the people of God. It could not, however, compel obedience. The New Covenant has greater power, as it compels us to obey the law. When the New Testament exhorts believers to obedience, it is often accompanied with reminder of what God has done for them through the new covenant. The Spirit then enables them to obey, making them perfect in every good work to do God’ s will. (Heb 13:20-21)