

# Christ Church Cathedral

## Dean's Bible Study—Hebrews 7:26-8

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

### Chapter 7

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

### Chapter 8

#### Mediator of a Better Covenant

<sup>1</sup>Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup>a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. <sup>3</sup>For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup>Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup>They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.' <sup>6</sup>But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one. <sup>8</sup>God finds fault with them when he says:

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah;

<sup>9</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors,  
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 so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>11</sup>And they shall not teach one another  
or say to each other, “Know the Lord”,  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.

<sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful towards their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more.’

<sup>13</sup>In speaking of ‘a new covenant’, he has made the first one obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear.