

A dramatic background image featuring a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, and several bright, jagged lightning bolts are visible, striking down towards the water. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

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PERSEVERANCE AND GODLINESS

8 steps of the “Path”

1. Faith
2. Excellence
3. Knowledge
4. Self-control
5. **Perseverance**
6. **Godliness**
7. Brotherly affection
8. Unselfish love

Perseverance is when we choose to trust God in every test, temptation, and trial

Godliness is when we work to align our character, ethics, worldview, and thought patterns with Christ

Be careful!

① neglect → drift →

② unbelief / disobedience →
fall away / forsake (apostasy)

③ apathy → rejection of Jesus
and disqualification or death

Jesus' priesthood is better. . .

- Better hope (7:19)
- Better covenant (7:22)
- Better ministry (8:6)
- Better promises (8:6)
- Better tabernacle/temple (9:11)
- Better redemption (9:12)

The big question

*If the Old Covenant was good enough,
why did Israel need a new one?*

Summary of Jesus' better priesthood

- God's law for Israel could never fully perfect anyone (10:1–4)
 - The sacrifices **covered** their sins, but they also **reminded** them of their sins
- Jesus' death for sin was infinitely better (10:5–10)
 - No more sacrifices, no more reminders, no more condemnation

Summary of Jesus' better priesthood

- Jesus' offering as priest was infinitely better (10:11–14)
 - It is better because he did it once for all time
 - It is better because it completely perfects those who believe
 - It is better because Jesus can now be king over his holy people when the time comes

Summary of Jesus' better priesthood

- Jesus' new covenant will be infinitely better (10:15–18)
 - Israel's Old Covenant was conditional and based on their future obedience. The New Covenant is unconditional and based on Jesus' past obedience
 - Israel's Old Covenant required memorizing the law. In the New Covenant, God himself will put his law in their hearts and minds.

Summary of Jesus' better priesthood

- Jesus' new covenant will be infinitely better (10:15–18)
 - Israel's Old Covenant required daily, annual, and other sacrifices. The New Covenant required one sacrifice, and that was completed on the cross.





So what?

*What does this have to do with me today,
especially since some of it is still future for Israel?*

*How should I respond to this huge teaching about
Jesus and his work as a priest?*

“Because. . .” (summary)

- Believers have confident access to God through Jesus’ death and resurrection (vs 19–20)
- Jesus is our great high priest, who has done and is doing all these great things for us (vs 21)

“...let us...” (commands)

1. “draw near with a sincere heart in the assurance that faith brings” (vs 22)
2. “hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess” (vs 23)
3. “take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works” (vs 24)

“...let us...” (commands)

1. “draw near” – How much do you **want** it?
2. “hold unwaveringly” – How much do you **believe** it?
3. “spur one another” – How much are you willing to **invest** in it?

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