

## SEVEN BETTER THINGS

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Many good lessons can be gained by studying the book of Hebrews. The writer was trying to convince the Jewish converts to Christ not to go back to Judaism. Why? Allow Hebrews to tell us...

"By so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant." {Hebrews 7:22}

**BETTER COVENANT.** What makes this a better covenant?

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. " {Hebrews 10:16,17}

"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. " {Hebrews 8:6} **BETTER PROMISES.** What has God promised?

"And this is the promise that He has promised us; eternal life. " {1 John 2:25} Does it get any better than this?

"Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." {Hebrews 9:23}

**BETTER SACRIFICES.** What was better than the animal sacrifices under that law?

"Who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. " {Hebrews 7:27} His one sacrifice did what all others could never do--pay for the debt of sin!

"Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. " {Hebrews 11:35} **BETTER RESURRECTION.** Why better?

"And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. " {Hebrews 11:39,40}

"For you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven." {Hebrews 10:34} **BETTER SUBSTANCE.**

What has God guaranteed us? "To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, " {1 Peter 1:4}

"Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. " {Ephesians 1: 14} God has not promised us some "pie in the sky"

dream, but something that has real and enduring substance. Only one thing can rob man of this wonderful substance – failure to trust God and by not following His commands.

"But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. "{Hebrews 11:16} **BETTER COUNTRY**. Abraham did not see it- but he did by faith! Do you?

"For the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God" {Hebrews 7:19} **BETTER HOPE**. What is the better hope?

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, " {Hebrews 6:19} Sadly, many have placed their hope on that which has no sure foundation and can give no lasting assurance of nothing but misery in this life.

What do you think? Would it be wise for the Jews to go back? If we have all these things in Christ, and we do, what will you give in exchange for these "better things"? \*\*\*