

## Greater Than Moses 2020-11-08

### Hebrews 3:1-6

*Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.*

*3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)*

*5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

Easy to fall into “celebrity” worship even in church. Take their words as Gospel.

- Jews did with Moses...some Jews believed Moses greater than angels.
  - Jesus greater than Moses and only one worthy of worship.

For Jews Moses greatest man in history. Saved as baby, spoke with God, plagues, deliver, part Red Sea, 10 Commandments, wrote 1<sup>st</sup> 5 Old Testament books. But not perfect.

- Thought so highly of Moses that it important to “delicately” prove Jesus better.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> similarities: both faithful in their responsibilities. 3:1-2, Numbers 12:7

Only time in New Testament “Apostle” used of Jesus.

- Apostle: someone sent as rep from someone to someone else.
  - Have all rights/power/authority of one who sends, speaks as one who sent.
- Moses God's rep who gave Law...greatest thing next to Moses to Jew.
  - better covenant must have a better mediator.
    - Jesus reps God to you (apostle) and you to God (High Priest).
      - Jesus greater because Moses not High Priest....Arron was.
    - Jesus is Father's full/final message/revelation of Himself.

Without demeaning Moses as great leader Holy Spirit showed Jesus worthy of more honor/glory as builder greater than house. 3:3-4, Ephesians 2:19, 1 Timothy. 3:15; 1 Peter 2:4-5

- House metaphor for God's people, Old Testament =Israelites, New Testament =Christians.
  - Moses faithful to an earthly household, Jesus faithful to a heavenly household.
- Builder always greater and worthy of far more glory than house.
  - Builder: proclaims Jesus is creator God yet distinct from Father.

Moses faithful servant “in” house that faithful Son Jesus is builder and over.

- Jesus greater because He is Moses' builder (creator), designer (sovereign over his life) and fulfillment of all Moses did/wrote! 1 Corinthians 10:4, Hebrews 10:1a, John 5:46, Luke 24:27
  - Moses, all he wrote and law foreshadowed perfect to come...Jesus.
- Jesus is superior to Moses in office (Apostle, High Priest), work (Builder), person (God).
  - Following Moses/Old Covenant/law/Judaism not make any sense because someone and something greater came....Jesus/New Covenant/grace/Christianity

Can't relate to coming out of Judaism but lured by works/legalism to please Father.

- Hope of a heavenly calling not hang on our righteousness but Jesus' for you.
  - Look to Jesus and gospel of grace to endure. Hebrews 3:1, 6, John 6:39, James 1:22

Not teach salvation by works but truly saved will persevere to end.

- Written to encourage to turn attention to Jesus for heavenly confidence/hope/joy not great men (Moses), or good works (Judaism).

Calling us to examine our spiritual condition, repent and remember who you are in Christ: holy, sharer in heavenly calling not because of practice but position.

- Christian life begins and continues by faith. Can't keep yourself.
  - Jesus will never lose anybody who is His. 1 John 2:19
    - Jesus greater than Moses and only one worthy of worship.