

The Way of Faith: Jesus is more faithful than Moses

Previous weeks...

1. It is only through Jesus we have access to God
2. He is superior to the
 - Prophets
 - Angels
 - And, this week, to Moses

1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. Hebrews 3:1-6

Vs. 1:

1. “fix your thoughts on Jesus...”
 - look deeply and learn the **hidden** meanings in Jesus
 - Jesus uses the same word in Luke 12:24: “look at the ravens”
 - This is a literary technique to summarize what we have learned so far
2. Jesus is THE apostle
 - Means “one who is sent forth” and ambassador
 - An ambassador carries the **authority** and voice of the king
 - This word is used by other authors of...
...Those chosen by Jesus to be **messengers**
 - The author of Hebrews only uses this word of Jesus.
While other apostles are chosen to represent humans
Jesus is chosen by God to represent **God**
3. Jesus the high priest
 - A priest is the “**bridge builder**”
 - A priest must be able to communicate to both God and humans
 - Jesus is **THE** high priest: remember, there is only **ONE** high priest
4. Now the shoe drops.
Not only is Jesus apostle and high priest....
...he’s greater than **Moses**
Doesn’t this seem anti-climactic? Why would Moses come after prophets & angels?

Vs. 2

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house...” (from Numbers 12:6-7)

1. Moses is the great prophet of Israel
 - He **spoke** directly with God (unlike other prophets who only received visions)
 - He **stood** closer to God than anyone before or since (until Jesus, that is)
 - He **received** the 20 Commandments
2. This means that Moses ranked higher than all the other prophets and all the angels of God

V. 3

“Jesus is worthy of greater honor”

- Moses was only a faithful member of the house
- Jesus **built** the house

(Joke about kids arguing about greatness of dad’s and offering plate)

Vs. 4

“God is builder of everything”

- Jesus now stands just **under** God
- Jesus builds the house... but God builds **everything**

Vs. 6

“Christ”

- Means, *Messiah*, or the ***anointed*** one.
- Someone as great as Jesus deserves a title and this one is special.
- This is the first of six times the author drops this title on Jesus
- It is indicative of God’s **claim** of Jesus

“Son”

- This is a word of **relationship**
- Jesus has an intimacy with God that not even Moses could imagine

Isn’t Jesus God?

Be patient, my young padawan. He’s building an argument that takes time and needs to breathe.

The author of Hebrews has, in two chapters made Jesus better than:

- other men
- prophets
- angels
- and now Moses

Aren’t you dizzy enough?

You are welcome to use the following study as a part of your family or small group bible study this week.

Weekly Bible Study Re-read Hebrews 3:1-6

1. Who are your heroes? What have they done that makes them so great?
2. Hebrews says that Jesus is even greater than the greatest hero of Israel: Moses. Why is Jesus greater than Moses?
3. What is the relationship between God and Jesus?
4. Is there anyone else who has this type of relationship with God? If so, who and why?