

HEBREWS 3 MORE WORTHY IS HE

JESUS IS GREATER THAN MOSES

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, (**Believers**) partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle (**One who was sent**) and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was *faithful* in all His house.

- We believe that from the moment Jesus declared that “It is finished” from His cross, there has no longer been the need for a man to mediate between God and mankind. JESUS is the mediator for us. HE is our High Priest.
 - **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,
- SO... Why do some denominations keep a priest in place? FALSE HOPE?
 - Why did God tear the veil of the Temple during the crucifixion of Christ? NO LONGER NECESSARY
- Why has there been no “Holy of Holies” since God tore the veil? SEE ABOVE
 - BECAUSE... We are the priesthood of Christ. You and I are to boldly come to the Lord now... NOT some Priest.
- **Next week** we will read - **Hebrews 4:16** **Let us** therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 - **How many of you, like me... Are SO glad that we don't have to ask for a representative in order to approach God...**
 - **Representative.... REPRESENTATIVE... REPRESENTATIVE!**

MORE THAN MOSES

3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.

- Remember that the audience for this letter was the Hebrews... And... They were struggling to let go of the religious rituals and law that God had given to Moses.
 - TO THIS DAY, some Jews will only read the books written by Moses – Which is really sad since the Holy Spirit inspired all 66 books of the Bible.
 - Many denominations today hold on to their traditions even stronger than they do to the scripture. The danger of that is giving people false hope in religion rather than IN relationship with Jesus Christ.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

THE HOUSE OF GOD

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, **whose house we are** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Three really important things in V5 & 6:

- Moses was a faithful and humble servant IN God's House...
- BUT... Jesus was God the Son who BUILT the House...
- AND THREE.... WE ARE THAT HOUSE! **IF... We hold firm!**

This was difficult for the Jewish Believers in Jesus to give up their Rituals and their precious Temple worship. IF you have come to a relationship with Jesus from a liturgical religious background, you might be able to relate to this... Our "Style" is much more casual than your memories of going to Church.

- Some of my Catholic friends tease that we sing love songs to Jesus...
- We admit that we are REALLY in love with the Lord.... You got us!
 - **LOVE over LAW** everyday of the year!

A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, 8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION, IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

- "THE REBELLION" spoken of here could probably be one of several times that the people rebelled against God during the exodus from Egypt...
 - It could even be said of MOSES that he rebelled against God by misrepresenting God to the people... Striking the Rock rather than speaking to it... **NUMBERS 20** And by losing his temper while representing God.
- The Psalm continues...

9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED ME, TRIED ME, AND SAW MY WORKS FORTY YEARS. 10 THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THAT GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.'

11 SO I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.' "

PSALM 97

- CCSV, let us NOT go astray in our hearts...
 - Stay in relationship with the Lord... Stay in His Word.
 - DO NOT Depart from the Living God... Listen...

12 **Beware, brethren**, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **CEV - My friends, watch out! Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God.**

13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the **deceitfulness** of sin.

- The thrill of sin is deceptive, and... highly advertised. Don't believe me?

Finish this statement: What happens in Vegas... _____”

- SO... Is going to vacation in Vegas a sin? PROBABLY! Unless you are going to see Wayne Newton...
- Chuck Smith reminded us that white water rafting is available ABOVE the Niagara falls... It looks fun too... Everybody is laughing in the colored brochures... BUT... What could go wrong?

FREE ADVICE: Stay away from sin... All sin... Any sin...

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from every form of evil.

WHY?

14 For we have become partakers (*Sharer*) of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, **NLT - For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.**

15 while it is said: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION." **PSALM 95**

- Again – a call to keep our hearts soft.
- Soft like Jesus' heart...

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

If you really wanna be like Jesus, be the one who stays when everyone else walks away. Be the one who forgives, even when it's undeserved. Be the one who shows grace when everyone else is casting stones. Be the one to show love even when they betray you. Cuz that's who Jesus is.

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COURSON says: “The sin of Hebrews 3 is singular. It's not fornication,

as destructive as that sin may be. It's not idolatry, as sad as that sin is. Rather, it's simply not believing how good God is."

HOW good is HE?

Good enough to save you, fill you, and sustain you until He calls you home!