

Teaching – Hebrews 3:1-11
Sermon – Can You Believe It?
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Hebrews 3: 1-6 Jesus Superior to Moses

Jesus the Apostolic High Priest speaks God's final word to the world. The conjunction which is translated "Therefore" or "And so..." connects this to the prior discussion on how Jesus is higher than the angels. Now we will see how Jesus is compared to Moses and yet superior to the great prophet.

We often say that Jesus is 100% Divine and 100% human. In Hebrews 3:1 we hear about how human Jesus was. As a completely human High Priest, Jesus serves us as our example.

- Think on this Jesus
- Who is the Apostle and the High Priest of our confession!

As the Apostle of apostles, Jesus was the "sent one" from heaven to earth to bring God's Word to earth and to be God's Living Word on earth, representing God on earth.

- Moses was a part of the house that Christ built.
- Moses was faithful in God's House. (v.2)
- Jesus was faithful over God's House. (v.2)
- Jesus received more glory because the builder of the house receives more honor than the house itself.
- Moses was in the house of God. (v.3)
- Jesus built and oversaw the building of the House of God. (v.3)
- Every house has a builder, but God built and builds everything, and Jesus is his representative. (v.4)

Christ is the Son over all the house. (vv.5-6)

- Both Moses and Jesus came to serve, but Moses came as a Servant and Jesus came as the Son.
- We are also God's house if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope.

Hebrews 3: 7-11. Do Not be like the Rebels in the Wilderness – Receive this Rest

The Preacher uses Psalm 95: 7-11 to challenge this congregation to whom he is sending the sermon.

- This is not King David speaking this, but the Holy Spirit.
- The account of Israel's failure begins with the word "Today" (v. 7)
- This is not a history lesson. This is an exhortation for the congregation to whom the preacher is sending this sermon. (vv. 9-10)
- And today speaks for us – hearers of this Word today!
- Do not harden your hearts against God as your ancestors did. (vv. 7-8)
- To enter the place of rest means to follow Jesus.
- This is a call to come into the presence of God and to remain faithful. (v. 11)

Questions:

1. When we follow Christ, why is that we often experience suffering, trials and temptations?
2. Is it wrong for us to pray to God, asking that God would remove the trial?
3. How will we find rest according to the Preacher of this sermon?
4. What gets in your way of finding sabbath with and in Christ?