

Jesus Greater Than Moses

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.



³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4For 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," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future.



⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.



Warning Against Unbelief

⁷So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

8do not harden your hearts as you did in the

rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness,

⁹where your ancestors tested and tried me, though

for forty years they saw what I did.



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<sup>10</sup>That is why I was angry with that generation;
I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,
and they have not known my ways.'
<sup>11</sup>So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.' "
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¹²See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.



¹⁴We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

¹⁵As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion."



¹⁶Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?



¹⁸And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.



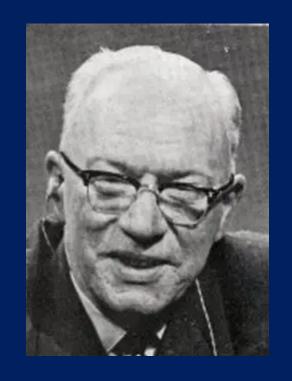






Now he proceeds to prove that Jesus is superior to Moses. At first it might seem that this is an anticlimax. But it was not so for Jew. For him Moses held a place which was utterly unique. He was the man with whom God had spoken face to face as a man speaks with his friend. He was a direct recipient of the Ten Commandments, the very law of God. The greatest thing in all the world for a Jew was the Law, and Moses and the Law were one and the same thing.

Hebrews 3:14





By faith we begin the life of obedience to Christ, and by faith we continue to lead the life of holiness, for "the just shall live by faith." This is the point of honor and of safety with all the justified ones.

Faith is always the channel of innumerable blessings to them: they ought, therefore, most watchfully to maintain it.

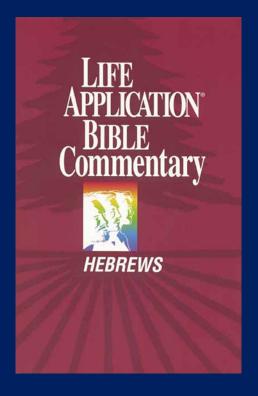
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Charles Spurgeon



How much time do we think about Jesus? Hebrews tells us to fix our minds, ponder carefully, and focus on the true significance of Jesus. In our age of sound bites, fast food, and quick fix solutions, very few people take the time to think about anything or anyone. In Jesus we have one to whom we should listen, through whom we come to the father, and to whom we give obedience. When you think about the significance and superiority of Jesus, how does it affect your life today?

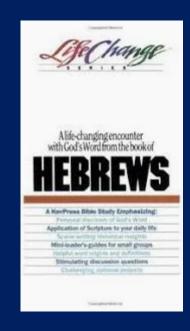




Question 1

What are some of the things that are presently distracting you from fixing your thoughts on Jesus? What can you do about these?

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When we read it, is there something in scripture that God wants us to do.



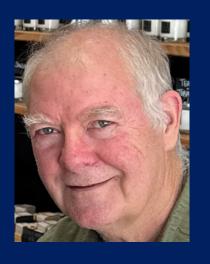
Fix your thoughts on Jesus v1

 Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts v8 How do we do this????

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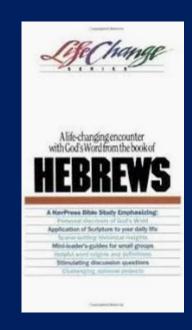




Question 2

Do you see any signs of unbelief in the way you think and act? What practical steps can you take to avoid letting your heart become hard?

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"That's all Folks!"