



## Hebrews

### Sermon Points & Notes

Week 4 - 2.4.24 | Terrell Spears

Title: Jesus: The Builder of God's House

Scripture: Hebrews 3:1-6

**Main Point:** In building God's house as the faithful Son, Jesus exceeds the honor and glory of Moses by seeking, saving, and securing God's people.

### **Hebrews 3:1a**

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling...

#### **On the significance of being "holy" brothers:**

*The context of Hebrews gives the word an even richer significance.*

*Holiness was an important feature of the Levitical system.*

*Worshiping God rightly under the old covenant required holiness in every aspect of life among the old covenant people. This is why Leviticus contains such detailed instructions about sacrifices and*

*purifications. Holiness could only come through sacrifice, which is to say, holiness was not a human achievement. Thus, when the author designates these people as a holy brotherhood, he makes a Christological claim. He is not congratulating them for achieving the status of holiness; he is rendering them holy on the basis of the priestly sacrifice Christ Offered on their behalf.*

*- R. Albert Mohler Jr. CCEC*

## **2 Errors in Viewing Salvation (Heavenly Calling):**

- *Strictly communal and dismissive of our personal experience*
- *Overemphasis of individualism and disconnected from the community of faith*

### **Hebrews 3:1b**

*...consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession...*

#### **The verb "consider":**

- *GR katanoēō - to perceive, remark, observe, understand; to consider attentively, fix one's eyes or mind upon*
- *the idea of Biblical meditation*

#### **On considering Jesus:**

*Considering Jesus should animate the intellectual pattern of all believers and recalibrate their biblical worldview. However,*

*we must never "consider Jesus" outside of the biblical and theological context in which he is presented. If we think on Christ, we must think on him rightly. That is why the author of Hebrews clarifies that we must think on Christ according to how scripture reveals his character.*

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*What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.*

*- A.W. Tozer*

### **On Jesus as Apostle and High Priest:**

*Human beings need two things: we need to hear from God and we need to go to God. We need a word from God and we need a way to God. We need to hear from God so that we know what he is like and what his purposes are for the world and what he requires of us. And we need a way to God because to be cut off from God in death would be darkness and misery and torment forever. So we have these two great needs: to hear from God and to go to God. We need revelation from him and reconciliation with him.*

*- John Piper*

### **Hebrews 3:2**

...who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

### **John 6:38:**

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

### **Hebrews 3:3-4**

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. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

### **Who is Moses?**

1. Preeminent OT figure
2. Type and shadow of the Messiah to come (Jesus Christ)
  - Faithful servant, prophetic voice, miracle worker, priestly mediator between God and His people & His people and God

### **Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the

land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### ***Numbers 12:6-8***

And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

### ***Hebrews 3:5-6a***

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

#### **A. Jesus is greater, superior, and better than Moses**

2. The Builder is greater than the house
3. The Son is greater than a servant
4. Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory and more honor, and exceeds in stature as His faithfulness supersedes Moses'

5. The Son of God has not only come to *bring* us the good news, He *is* the good news
6. His priestly offering of Himself bridges the gap between man and God, pleading on our behalf, but then also speaks from God to man
7. Moses *received* a word, Jesus *is* the Word
8. Moses *served* in the house, Jesus *built* the house (created vs Creator)
9. Moses came with the signet ring of God's royal approval, Jesus came as the King in the flesh

***John 1:17***

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

***Jude 1:5***

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

## **B. Moses knew he was testifying of things to come**

### ***Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19***

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen...

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

### ***John 1:45***

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

### ***Hebrews 3:6b***

*And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

### **The phrase “hold fast”:**

- GR *kat-ekh'-o* - to check a ship's headway i.e. to hold or head the ship

### **The word “confidence”:**

- free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance, of the undoubting confidence of Christians relative to their fellowship with God

Our deeds and faithfulness do not secure our place in God’s house, but we can be sure that part of Christ’s faithfulness is preserving us to hold fast.

## **REFLECTION & APPLICATION:**

### **What does it mean that Jesus is the Builder of God’s house?**

- He desires it (Gen 1:26; Eph 1:4)
- He designs it (Acts 2:22-23; Rom 3:21-26)
- He builds it (Matt 16:18; Eph 4:11-14)
- He secures it (John 10:27-30; Eph 1:13-14)
- He protects it (Phil 4:7; 2 Thess 3:4)
- He preserves it (Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23-24)
- He beautifies it (Ps 149:4; Eph 5:27)
- He dwells in it (Zeph 3:17; Rev 21:1-4)
- He enjoys it (Ps 147:11; Eph 3:14-19)



## **“Consider Him” (Spoken Word)**

Jesus...

Greater than Moses and all of the prophets

All apostles and priests, every title and office

He is greater...

Supreme creator

Chief architect of God's house

The chief cornerstone and firm foundation

Who alone on His own is the source of salvation

Both man, and yes, God

Both servant and Son

Both our present preserver and our glory to come

Consider Him...

Gracious and merciful

Patient and purposeful

Faithful and full of all glory and fame

Nothing He does is without goodness or aim

No blame in His character

So worthy of praise

Our incomparable Christ

Gives unshakable faith