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- 5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;
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Review:

- 1) Remember – this book is about Jewish believers being persecuted to the degree that they were considering going **back to Judaism**
- 2) We have seen that Jesus is better than the **prophets**
- 3) Jesus is better than the **angels**
- 4) Now it's – Jesus is better than **Moses**

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- 1) "Therefore"
 - a) Drawing a conclusion from the things seen in 2:9-18
- 2) "holy brethren"
 - a) **Holy** means – set apart for God – This is **written to believers**
 - b) Doesn't speak of their lifestyle – They were not super saints
- 3) "partakers of a heavenly calling"
 - a) But when he says "partakers of a heavenly calling" he is **reminding them** that they are **in the Church**
 - i) Reminding them that their **calling** is **different** from Israel's O.T. calling
 - ii) O.T. Israel's promises were **earthly promises**: prosperity – rain – good health – abundant crops – land
 - iii) They were **not** to be looking for their **rewards here, now**

- b) The word **partakers** = **partners / participants** – They were partners **w/** all believers in Church age in **the heavenly calling**
- c) The **Church's promises** are heavenly: intimate fellowship w/ God – dwelling in His presence – rewards for life well lived – new bodies – ruling w/ Him

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4) "consider Jesus"

a) "Consider" – to perceive – observe – fix eyes – mind upon

b) It is a picture of **analyzing** – **weighing out** – **sorting thru** a situation

Lk.12:24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor barn; and *yet* God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

c) **Look at what we are to consider** – "He is our Apostle & High Priest

5) "the **Apostle** and **High Priest** of our confession"

a) Apostle means – "one who is sent"

i) HE was **sent** from God – Why? – To represent God to man

ii) **To reveal** to us **Who God is** – What HE is like – How He thinks

iii) We would know very little about God – if Christ hadn't come

b) He came in **office** of **High Priest** – He **represents us** before God the Father

c) He acts as our **Mediator** to the Father

1 Jn.2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

V.2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.

1) "He was faithful to Him who appointed Him"

a) Christ was faithful to the Father

2) "as Moses also was in all His^(God's) house"

a) This is a quote from **Num.12:7**

Num.12:7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

- b) The writer draws a **parallelism** between Christ & Moses
- i) He does this because Moses was great man
 - ii) And the Jews see Moses as being the greatest man who ever lived
 - iii) Even greater than Abraham
 - iv) HE is careful not to alienate the Jewish reader
- c) First the writer starts by showing that both did their jobs
- d) Moses truly was an exceptional man
- i) **Miriam** and **Aaron criticize** Moses

Num.12:1 (NIV) Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, **for** he had married a Cushite.

2 "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

4 At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out.

5 Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; He stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward,

6 he said, "Listen to My words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal Myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams."

7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house.

8 With him I speak face to face, **clearly** and **not** in **riddles**; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

9 The anger of the LORD burned against them, and He left them.

10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as **white as snow**. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she *was* leprous.
 - ii) Moses was **still held in high esteem** by the Jews of 1st century
Jn.9:26 (NP)

Jn.9:26 (NIV)^(Jesus healed blind man on Sabbath) Then they asked him^(the blind man), "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

V.27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

V.28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!

V.29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

V.30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

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V.3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.

*But Moses was just a man – a creature

*Christ is the Creator!

V.4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

1) "every house is built by someone...the builder of all things is God"

a) I have decided I'm going to take a new approach w/ evolutionist

i) I'm going to accept their belief as soon as they show me a house that wasn't built by someone

V.5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later,

1) "as a servant "

a) Moses was clearly a servant

b) Christ is clearly the Son

2) "for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later"

a) Everything Moses said or did pointed to Christ (the Law & prophecies)

b) Christ speaking to religious leaders made that clear

Jn.5:39 " You search the Scriptures^(O.T.) because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;

⁴⁰and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

⁴¹" I do not receive glory from men;

⁴²but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

V.43 (NP)

V.43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.

⁴⁴"How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God?

⁴⁵"Do **not** think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶"For **if** you believed Moses, you **would** believe Me; **for he wrote of Me.**

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V.6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

1) "Moses faithful servant in house...Christ...faithful as a Son over His house"

a) "Christ was faithful as a Son"

i) Vast difference between Son & a servant!

2) "whose house we are"

a) This is hard to understand

b) What it doesn't mean

i) Not talking about the Church

ii) Moses was never in the Church

c) Referring to those who have intimacy w/ God – walk w/ Him

i) The next verses prove this to be true

3) "whose house we are if we **hold fast** our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end"

a) "**if** we hold fast"

i) "**If**" is 3rd class condition

b) "Hold fast" – word to describe **keeping a ship's "heading"**

i) Staying on track toward your destination

c) The thought – is that being in fellowship w/ God is – holding fast to our hope in Christ and His coming Kingdom

i) Trusting God to be true to His Word

d) He will prove this w/ an O.T. illustration **Ps.95**

V.7 (NP)

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1) "THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS"

- a) This is the 2nd warning found in book of Hebrews
- b) The first warning was a warning against "**Drifting**"
- c) The 2nd warning is a quote from **Ps.95**
- d) To understand it he quotes from **Ps.95**

Ps.95:7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,
95:8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;

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V.9 "When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
V.10 "For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.
V.11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."

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1) "we are the people of His pasture...sheep of His hand"

- a) This is written to believers
- b) This is the second warning to believers in this book
- c) The 1st warning was to not **don't drift**
- d) The 2nd warning is **today** – "if you would hear His voice – Do not harden your hearts **V.8**

Ps.95:8 (NP)

95:8 *Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah*, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;

- 1) "Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah"
 - a) Meribah is when Israel came out of Egypt & ran out of water
 - b) The sin wasn't that they needed water
 - c) It was the way they went about dealing w/ no water that was sin
 - d) They were ready to **kill Moses**
 - i) That **sin planted seed** for much deeper sin **V.9**

95:9 "When your fathers tested Me, *They tried Me, though they had seen My work.*

95:10 "*For forty years I loathed that generation*, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And *they do not know My ways.*

- 1) "They tried Me, though they had seen My work"
 - a) Israel saw God deliver them from Egypt
 - b) They didn't **learn anything** about God **from that deliverance**

- 2) "For forty years I loathed *that* generation"
 - a) At **Kadesh Barnea** God told them to go into Canaan & take it
 - b) They didn't want to go until they went in & looked it over
 - c) They didn't trust God!
 - d) They felt **defeated** – when they saw the **size of the people**
 - e) They didn't believe God would give them Canaan

3) "they do not know My ways"

- a) What they didn't do was what was stressed in **Heb.3:1**
Heb.3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus**, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

- b) God turned against their evil hearts **V.11**

95:11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."

Heb.3:12 *Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.*

- 1) "Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart"
 - a) Believers can have – "**evil unbelieving**" heart

- 2) "in falling away from the living God"
 - a) Believers can "**fall away**"

Here is our warning - **#1.** Sin left unchecked causes "**hardness of heart**"
#2. Not thinking on Him causes "**Evil Unbelieving**" hear