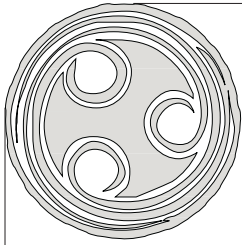


Preeminent Over Moses Hebrews 3:1-6



“And the reason our hope and confidence are firm is not because of ourselves. There are sinners of every kind in this room this morning—sexual sinners, lying sinners, stealing sinners, killing sinners, parent-disobeying sinners. The hope of a heavenly calling does not hang on our righteousness. If it did we would be hopeless. Our hope and confidence hang on Jesus.”
John Piper; Sermon on Hebrews

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Introduction

Last week the author of our book, Hebrews, continued his comparison of Christ with the angels but highlighted an important piece of theology about Jesus. He, being God, humbled Himself to become man so that He could suffer on behalf of mankind. He became like the first Adam for the sake of Adam's heritage. Jesus had to come to this reality--extricating Himself from a perfect reality--in order to identify with our weaknesses for our benefit (**Hebrews 2:17-18**). In our passage today the author builds off Christ's incarnation and sacrifice and reveals Christ as both an "apostle" (sent one/messenger) and "high priest" (mediator between God and man. This is a theme the author will build upon in subsequent chapters), but here he introduces Moses as a type of the future Christ.

From The Head...

Consider Jesus (Hebrews 3:1-4)

Consider Jesus: sounds like "Got milk?" Or some infomercial selling their goods, but I guess it's pretty easy to assume that those that come to church do so because they love Jesus and are committed to His mission. The Hebrew Christians were in turmoil, they were being persecuted, and they were beginning to give up their faith for that easier lifestyle that's promised if we just "chill out" and relax. Do I really believe this Jesus? Do I believe that I have real hope and joy in this person? Why should I consider Jesus? Am I in church to be happy, or am I in church because I recognize that without Christ there is no hope and no joy in this evil world? Our verses begin once again with "Therefore" reminding us to look backward, where we see the supremacy of Christ, and we are then exhorted as "*partakers of a heavenly calling*," to "*consider Jesus*." This is significant, because the heavenly calling is significant to us as believers. It is a calling that we so badly long for. God is calling and inviting us to heaven to see His marvelous way toward salvation. We don't often live with this heavenly calling in mind. We live in false hope and fear, trying to come to terms with God on our own power, and getting frustrated. These verses teach us two key truths about Jesus:

First, he is the "apostle and high priest of our confession." As an apostle and high priest He reveals God and mediates between us and God, providing the way to God. We are reminded of **Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:1, 14; 14:6-12**. We desire to hear from God and He is revealed in Christ, His apostle (one who is sent).

Secondly, He is the "*builder of the house*," which makes Him God (cf. **Hebrews 3:3+4**). Moses is a faithful servant; Jesus is faithful God. Moses is a great man, Jesus is a great God. Moses is a type of savior, Jesus is the savior. As the builder of the house He is God incarnate, creator of our souls, and author of hope in the world. Here we are reminded of **Hebrews 2:17; 2 Corinthians 5:20**, and the fact that Christ is God's provision for our sins. Jesus reveals God to us and then pays the penalty for our sins (propitiation) in His death on the cross.

Christ's Faithfulness Brings Hope (Hebrews 3:5-6)

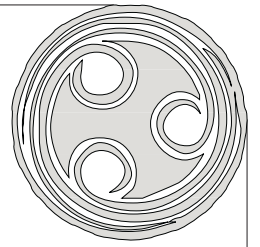
Moses was faithful in his household too (**Numbers 12: 6-8**), but his faithfulness had a limitation. Moses' faithfulness was the faithfulness of a servant. Christ's faithfulness is the faithfulness of a perfect God. He isn't going to let us down. Christ's house is His people, you and I, which should provide us with phenomenal hope in an ostensibly hopeless world. The key to this hope is the confidence in which we hold it. We have this great salvation and hope in Christ, and we are exhorted to hold fast to it and not throw away our confidence by setting

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our eyes on our fears and the worries of the world. **Hebrews 10:35** reminds us, *"do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward."*

Do you believe that God reveals Himself through His Son to us, His people? Do you believe that Christ is perfectly faithful in His work of salvation? If so, then we should have great joy in the midst of trial, and a bold confidence that exudes God's love and demands a mission to a dying world. What is your confidence in? Is it your financial prowess? Your physical and mental abilities? Your ability to organize? Join us by putting your confidence in Him, and find your hope in Jesus, who is God, creator, and savior!

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