

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



Hebrews Part-5 (chapter 3) KJV

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Jesus Christ is superior to Moses

Hebrews 3:1-11

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Our Identity and Calling (1)

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Who are we?

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Holy Brethren

Brethren – since we have been redeemed and brought into the family of God

Holy – through our ‘**position**’ in Christ (imputed righteousness of Christ), we become holy in ‘**practice**’ through continual sanctification.

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Our calling

A Heavenly Calling

a call to salvation

Once we respond to that heavenly calling, we are called to live for Him:

1. By being His worshipper and witnesses (through our words and life)
2. By using our time, gifts and talents, and treasures for His glory

Fact: We were created for His pleasure and for His glory (Revelation 4:11)... fulfilling any other calling will not bring us joy or contentment.

Heavenly Perspective

We must not be occupied with 'earthly calling' as the worldly people

Do not forget :

We are seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6)

We are blessed with Heavenly blessings (Ephesians 1:3)

We must build treasures in Heaven (Mathew 6:20)

We are heading to heaven (Hebrews 11:16)

Mathew 6:33

seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Consider Jesus

Consider ==> More than a casual observation or intellectual reading

Consider implies to → Focus | Pay attention | study deeply | understand

Consider Jesus – how? ... as an apostle and high priest

Jesus, the apostle

Apostle – sent one (apostle represents the one who has sent Him like an ambassador/messenger)

Jesus was sent by God with the authority of the Father

John 5:³⁷ And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.

John 8:⁴² I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Disciples were apostles - sent by Jesus

* If Jews respected prophets and angels, how much more should they honor and listen to Jesus!

Jesus, the High priest

Jesus, the High Priest

Jesus is the **only mediator** between God and Man

- Jesus brings God's message to man and takes Man's petition to God
 - Jesus is our advocate (intercessor) to God, the judge
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- As a high priest, Jesus is superior to the priesthood of Moses and Aaron (Ch.5,7)

Who is Jesus? (from John)

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” (John 8:58)

I AM ... Bread of life (John 6:35)

Light of the World (John 8:12)

The door (John 10:9)

The good shepherd (John 10:11)

The way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

The vine (John 15:15)

Jesus versus Moses

(2-6)

What made Moses a remarkable man of God? How were Jesus and Moses similar? How is Jesus superior to Moses? Why does Jesus deserve more glory in the house? What must we hold fast to?

3:2-6

² Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

³ For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

⁵ And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

⁶ But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

- Chosen by God (at age 80) to lead the people of Israel
- God spoke to Moses face to face (Exodus 33:11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend)
- Received the laws (ceremonial, civil, moral)
- Glorified prophet (Exodus 34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone)
- Faithful (Numbers 12:7, my servant Moses who is faithful in all mine house)
- Meek (Numbers 12:3, very meek above all the men)
- God buried Moses (at age 120) (Deuteronomy 34:6)

Moses, the faithful one

Both Moses and Jesus were faithful (2)

Moses (was faithful to God)

Numbers 12: ⁶ And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. ⁷ My servant Moses is not so, **who is faithful** in all mine house. ⁸ With him will I speak mouth to mouth,

Jesus (was faithful to God)

John 4:³⁴ My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 19:³⁰ It is finished

Hebrews 2:¹⁷ merciful and faithful high priest

Jesus deserves more glory in the house (3-5)

House – could refer to community (of Israel or church) rather than physical building (such as the tabernacle or temple or house of God). We are the household of God (Ephesians 2:19 ... ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God)

Jesus is the builder while Moses is a resident

Jesus is the son of the house while Moses is a servant (not a slave, Exodus 14:31); a son has greater privileges.

Jesus is the head of this house (church) (Ephesians 5:23)

Jesus enjoyed greater intimacy with God. Both Jesus and Moses enjoyed personal relationship with God ... Moses as a servant (Moses, my servant ... Joshua 1:2) and Jesus as the only begotten son of God, the heavenly Father.

Jesus is the fulfilled prophecy while Moses pointed to Christ as a faithful witness

IF

If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end (6)

If ... Is our salvation conditional and insecure?

No ... Our salvation is a secure for eternity

Hold fast ... being steadfast until the end

Steadfastness is evidence of our genuine conversion and belonging to the house of God

We must be steadfast in confidence, rejoicing, hope in Christ

Paul's testimony of steadfastness till the end

[II Timothy 4:7](#) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Some will not
continue ...as
they were not
part of the
household of
faith

I John 2:¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

WARNING FROM ISRAELITES (7-11)

Rest (3:7-4:11)

What is the warning/lesson from Israelites? How did the Israelites provoke God? What contributes to hardened hearts?

3:7-11

⁷ Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

⁸ Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

¹¹ So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

3:7-11

Wherefore (as the holy spirit saith) ...

taken from Psalms 95 as a reminder and relevance for today

Warning and Lesson from the nation of Israel

Psalm 95: ⁷⁻¹¹ “To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸ Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. ¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: ¹¹ Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”

Provocation of Israel

Tempted God and showed lack of faith in God and leadership of Moses

(Exodus 17:1-7, no water in Rephidim) “They tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?”

(Numbers 13, agreed with 10 spies) “We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we”

(Numbers 14:1-4, failed when tested) “let us return to Egypt”

Other incidents of murmuring against God and Moses.

Lesson from Israelites (7-11)

1st generation of Israelites saw many miracles (plagues, freedom, red sea, manna) but failed to enter the Promised land because of their unbelief

God was grieved and angry at Israelites for their repeated disobedience, murmurings, and lack of faith

Punishment: Denied entrance to Promised land, Denied Rest

Warning for us?

Lesson from Israelites (7-11)

Warning:

Unbelief can hold back God's blessings in our life

Hardened hearts will lead to lost blessings

Wicked cannot enter into God's rest

Evidence of (and contributors to) hardened heart:

Disobedience to God's voice (or partial obedience)

Inability to hear God's voice

Ignoring God's voice

OT : Material blessing of the Promised land

NT: Focus on spiritual blessings, spiritual rest, rest from striving for salvation

It's a matter of the heart

A (serious) matter of the heart

hardened heart (8), erring heart (10) evil heart (12), heart of unbelief (12)

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ¹⁰I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

We need a new heart ...

EZEKIEL 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.



Call for Action:

TODAY, not

TOMOROROW! (7,15)

**NOW
IS THE RIGHT
TIME!**

**LET US RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO GOD'S VOICE and NOT
DELAY OR HARDEN OUR HEARTS**

- When God speaks, we must obey (and not doubt or question His ways like the Israelites)
- NOW is the accepted time, NOW is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2)
- **HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE** if we neglect so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3) ... escaping salvation message will not give freedom but leads to eternal death.



Have you responded to the call?

Three important questions

Who am I?

Who is Jesus?

Have I responded to gospel?

MOSES

1. Man
2. Servant of God
3. Member of the house
4. Partial revelation as prophet
5. Used to bring physical deliverance from Egypt
6. Leader of Israel
7. Respected, but not worshipped
8. Shadow of what is to come

JESUS

1. God
2. Son of God
3. Builder of the house
4. Full and Final revelation from God
5. Brought spiritual freedom
6. Head of the church
7. Worshipped at birth, today, and for eternity
8. Prophecy come true in person

Jesus is
superior to
prophets, angels,
Moses!

Jesus has better Name (son of God) & privileges thereof

Angels minister to Jesus

Jesus is Worthy of Worship

Jesus is God

Jesus is seated on the throne and Reigns

Jesus is Creator

Jesus does not change (is Immutable)

**Good Angels
are good ...
but Jesus is
Superior!**

(Ch. 1:4-14)

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