

Lesson 4: Hebrews 3:1-6: JESUS GREATER THAN MOSES

I. Introduction

We ended last week's passage introducing us to Jesus Christ as the sacrifice sent to redeem all mankind. We now begin this week's lesson with a strong appeal by the author of Hebrews to ponder and thus fully accept the role Jesus plays in our lives- as the messenger or Apostle of God the Father to us His children and as our merciful and faithful High priest sent to be the ultimate advocate for us. The writer immediately then begins with a clear comparison between Jesus- our forever High Priest and Moses- the highly revered chosen leader of the Old Testament Israelites. These verses highlight a key attribute shared by both Jesus and Moses—faithfulness. While Moses was entrusted with leading the Israelites in the Old Testament, Jesus Christ has been entrusted with the entire household of the Father since the beginning. The difference is that Christ fulfills this role as the Son of God, while Moses fulfilled his role as a faithful servant in the household of God for a season.

The passage then uses the metaphor of building a house to explain their roles. Jesus, being God Himself, is the builder of God's household and therefore deserves far greater honor, glory, and praise than Moses, who led the Israelites. This shows that Moses, though a member of God's house, was chosen for a season to point to the greater role Jesus would fulfill for all eternity. Moses served as a shadow of the Christ who was to come, and now that Jesus has come, He alone deserves the full glory due to the Master Builder of the house of God. The passage also affirms our permanent place in God's household, while reminding us that this calls for a life of courage and confident faith in Jesus.

II. Study the Scriptures: Read the Passage Hebrews 3:1-6

Note your thoughts as you read:

Write down any questions that come to mind as you read:

III. Think Through the Following Questions:

1. In verse 1, what specific qualities of Jesus as both Apostle and High Priest are you encouraged to consider as you “fix your thoughts” on Him?
2. Why do you think the writer emphasizes “faithfulness” as a shared attribute of both Jesus and Moses in verse 2?
3. What similarities and differences do you see between the assignment given to Moses and the assignment given to Jesus?
4. How does the faithfulness demonstrated by Moses differ from the faithfulness demonstrated by Jesus?
5. In verse 3, the metaphor of building a house is introduced when comparing Jesus and Moses. What does this reveal to you about who Moses is? What does it reveal about who Jesus is?
6. What do verses 4–6 teach us about the difference between servanthood and sonship in the Kingdom of God?
7. In practical, everyday ways, how can we hold firmly to our confidence and hope in Christ?

IV. Lessons Learned: Are there any new things you learned from this passage today?

V. Application: How do you think this will impact your thinking and/or actions going forward?