



Series on the Book of Hebrews: All of Jesus Means All of Us!

Theme of the Month: Need-Oriented Evangelism

Scripture: Hebrews 3:1-19 – “The Message”

3 So, my dear Christian friends, companions in following this call to the heights, take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do. Moses was also faithful, but Jesus gets far more honor. A builder is more valuable than a building any day. Every house has a builder, but the Builder behind them all is God. Moses did a good job in God's house, but it was all servant work, getting things ready for what was to come. Christ as Son is in charge of the house. Now, if we can only keep a firm grip on this bold confidence, we're the house! That's why the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, please listen;
don't turn a deaf ear as in 'the bitter uprising,'
that time of wilderness testing!
Even though they watched me at work for forty years,
your ancestors refused to let me do it my way;
over and over they tried my patience.
And I was provoked, oh, so provoked!
I said, 'They'll never keep their minds on God;
they refuse to walk down my road.'
Exasperated, I vowed,
'They'll never get where they're going,
never be able to sit down and rest.'”





So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbeliever lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God. For as long as it's still God's Today, keep each other on your toes so sin doesn't slow down your reflexes. If we can only keep our grip on the sure thing we started out with, we're in this with Christ for the long haul.

These words keep ringing in our ears:

"Today, please listen;

don't turn a deaf ear as in the bitter uprising."

For who were the people who turned a deaf ear? Weren't they the very ones Moses led out of Egypt? And who was God provoked with for forty years? Wasn't it those who turned a deaf ear and ended up corpses in the wilderness? And when he swore that they'd never get where they were going, wasn't he talking to the ones who turned a deaf ear? They never got there because they never listened, never believed.

Peterson, E. H. 1995. *The message : New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs* . NavPress: Colorado Springs, Colo.¹²

Message Title:
**“Relational Freedom Is Better
Than Religious Freedom!”**



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Summary of Hebrews 3

The Worthiness of the Savior = 3:1-6

A. The Comparison:

1. *v.2a* = Jesus was faithful to God

2. *v.2b* = Moses was faithful to God (*because God was using Him to point to the faithfulness of Jesus*)

B. The Contrast:

1. *v.5* = Moses was a faithful servant IN God's House

2. *v.3-4, 6* = Jesus is the Faithful Son OVER God's House

A BIG Practical Lesson to Remember:

1. Religion can get you in the house (*because people who trust Jesus do celebrate God's grace and relationship with collective worship and good works*) BUT...

2. Relationship with God Alone is the True Dwelling Place (*enabling you to overcome all odds because He's everywhere!*)



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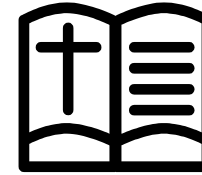
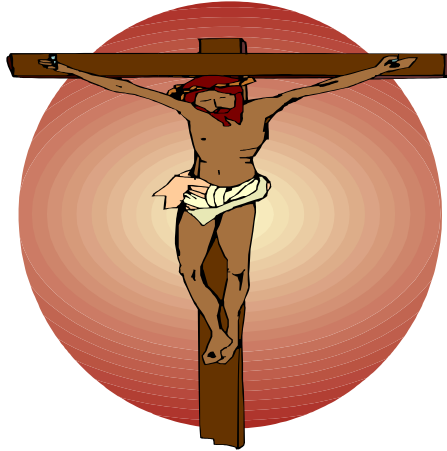
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Other Practical Lessons for our Learning:

1. **Moses went in to the house & faithfully represented the God of Religion** (*BUT that religion was still bondage because the Religious Cosmic Police were always looking over their shoulders – Adam & Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham & Sarah, Noah & sons etc...*)
2. **Jesus was a Son over the house and fulfilled God's religious requirements on man's behalf** (*& announced the end of all religious barriers as a condition for relating with God. There are no more Religious Cosmic Police*) **The only people who should be keeping score are believers who are COUNTING THEIR BLESSINGS IN CHRIST!!**
3. **Those of us who trust Jesus are His House!!!** *This means we make a great error if we keep looking for God to show up primarily outside of our personal humanity. We tend to look for God to show Himself to us, when God prefers to show Himself IN and THROUGH us! Believers shouldn't see God as much as unbelievers do!!!!* **John 14:8**



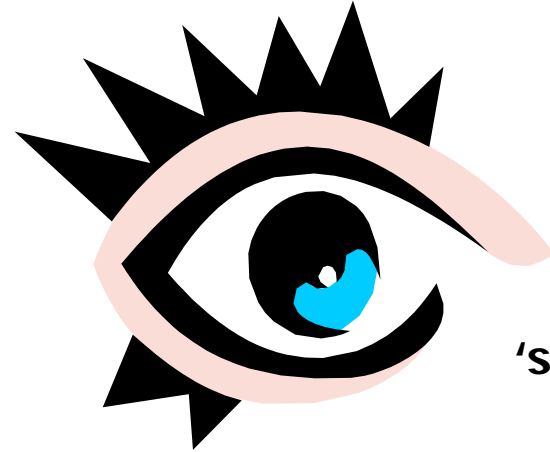
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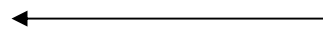
Jesus is GREATER than Moses, so keep your

Your real focus may be more hidden and diverted than you ever realized!!!!

What do you appreciate about the 4th of July? What are some of the things you really look forward to in the Wonderful World Tomorrow??



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The Warning by The Spirit = 3:7-19

A. The Example of Unfaithfulness:

1. *v.9-10* = Israel's sin in the wilderness (They allowed unbelief to turn their hearts against God)
2. *v.11, 16-19* = Israel's sentence in the wilderness (*an entire generation died in the desert and did not enter the Promised Land*)

B. The Exhortation to faithfulness:

1. *v.7-8, 15* = When you hear God's word, heed God's word
2. *v.12-14* = Encourage one another daily

Practical Lessons to Remember:

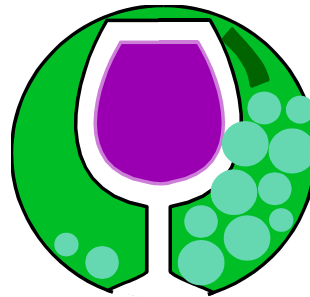
1. **The Greatest Sin there is is unbelief!** *There is no unpardonable sin, but there is a sin against the Holy Spirit, that of not believing what He reveals! (Sin, disobedience, hardening, rebellion, evil, and warning all have to do with UNBELIEF. It is not that God is keeping you out, but that you won't go in!!!)*
2. **Moses & Israelites were saved from the land of sin** *(but only 2 entered the promised land of rest on earth. You are saved by grace but you celebrate it by faith.*



Overall conclusion of Hebrews 3



* With Moses & Religious Freedom you will get thirsty again, because you will be drinking from the cup of law & requirements that can never meet your need, but only point to your need for real thirst-quenching liquid!



* With Jesus and Relational Freedom you will never thirst again, because you will have drunk from rivers of Living Water (just as “Blood is Thicker than Water” among humans, so is it the same with God the Father, Son and Spirit! WHO we know is more important than what we know).



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