

Hebrews Chapter 3

- **Hebrews 3:1-6**

- **1** Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,
- **2** who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.
- **3** For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.
- **4** (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)
- **5** Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
- **6** but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Comparison of Jesus and Moses Parallels

Moses	Jesus
Appointed by God	Appointed by God (v. 2)
Faithful to God (v. 2, 5; Num 12:7)	Faithful to God (v. 2, 6)
Sent by God	Sent by God
Related to God's house (v. 5)	Related to God's house (v. 6)
Spokesman for God	Spokesman for God

Comparison of Jesus and Moses

Contrasts

Moses	Jesus
A Servant (v. 2)	A Son (v. 2)
In God's house (v. 5)	Over God's house (v. 6)
Part of God's house (v. 5)	Builder of God's house (v. 3-4)
Simply a man	Eternal God
Witness to Christ (v. 5)	Witnessed to by Moses (v. 5)
Began a physical Exodus	Began a spiritual Exodus
Led to earthly reward	Led to heavenly reward

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- Comparison – Jesus to Moses (**additional notes**)
- **A new Exodus**
 - **Luke 9:30-31** --- **30** And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, **31** who appeared in glory and spoke of his **departure**, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
 - In Egypt, a **passover** lamb, blood sprinkled on doorposts
 - First born spared if blood of lamb was sprinkled
 - 1 Corinthians 5:7b --- For Christ, our **Passover** lamb, has been sacrificed.

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- Comparison – Jesus to Moses (**additional notes**)
 - Moses sent to lead Israel from Egypt
 - Jesus was **sent** by God (hence, the **apostle** of our confession)
 - Moses was appointed; Jesus was appointed.
- Contrast
 - Numbers 12:7 --- Not so with my ***servant Moses***. He is faithful in all my house.
 - Jesus is **God's son**

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- **Holy brothers**

- Ephesians 4:1 --- walk in a manner worthy of your calling
- Ephesians 4:24 --- put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 --- let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God
- Hebrews 12:14 --- Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord
- 1 Corinthians 6:11 --- And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- **Hebrews 2:11 --- For he who sanctifies (makes holy) and those who are sanctified (made holy) all have one source.**

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- you who share in a heavenly calling
 - Romans 1:6 --- including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
 - 1 Corinthians 1:2 --- To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12
 - [11](#) For you know how, like a father with his children,
 - [12](#) we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

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- you who share in a heavenly calling (continued)
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - [13](#) But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
 - [14](#) To this **he called you through our gospel**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 2 Peter 1:10 --- Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.
 - Calling
 - an invitation from God to receive His gift of salvation and all His blessings that go with it.
 - Vocation

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- consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession
 - apostle --- one sent
 - Luke 4:43 --- but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”
 - John 7:16 --- So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.
 - 1 John 4:9, 10, 14
 - [9](#) In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
 - [10](#) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
 - [14](#) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

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- consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession (continued)
 - high priest --- offered sacrifices for the people
 - Hebrews 7:23-25
 - [23](#) The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,
 - [24](#) but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.
 - [25](#) Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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- consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession (continued)
 - high priest --- offered sacrifices for the people
 - Hebrews 7:26-27
 - [26](#) For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
 - [27](#) He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

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- consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession (continued)
 - high priest --- offered sacrifices for the people
 - Hebrews 9:11-14
 - [11](#) But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)
 - [12](#) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
 - [13](#) For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,
 - [14](#) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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- consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession (continued)
 - of our confession
 - 1 Timothy 6:12 --- Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which **you made the good confession** in the presence of many witnesses.
 - Matthew 10:32-33 --- [32](#) So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, [33](#) but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
 - 1 John 4:15 --- Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.
 - No confession? No High Priest!

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- who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house
 - Jesus was faithful in temptation
 - Food (take care of his own needs)
 - Matthew 4:2-4 [2](#) And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. [3](#) And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." [4](#) But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
 - Overcoming doubt
 - Matthew 4:5-7 --- [5](#) Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple [6](#) and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" [7](#) Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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- who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house
 - Jesus was faithful in temptation (continued)
 - Sell out to the devil
 - Matthew 4:8-10 [8](#) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9](#) And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." [10](#) Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"
 - Any sin would have disqualified Jesus from being the "lamb of God"

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- who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house
 - Jesus was faithful in giving glory to God
 - Mark 2:12 --- And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and **glorified God**, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"
 - Luke 7:16 --- Fear seized them all, and **they glorified God**, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"
 - John 8:54 --- Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. **It is my Father who glorifies me**, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'

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- who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house
 - Moses was faithful
 - Hebrews 11:23-28 --- [23](#) By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. [24](#) By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, [25](#) choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. [26](#) He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. [27](#) By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. [28](#) By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

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- who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house
 - Moses was faithful (continued)
 - Numbers 12:1-7 --- **1** Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. **2** And they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it. **3** Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. **4** And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. **5** And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. **6** And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. **7** **Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.**

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- For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.
 - Matthew 17:1-8 --- 1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

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- For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.
 - Deuteronomy 18:15-19 --- [15](#) “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— [16](#) just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ [17](#) And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. [18](#) I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. [19](#) And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

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- For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the **builder of a house** has more honor than the house itself.
 - Matthew 16:18 --- And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
 - 1 Timothy 3:15 --- if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the **household of God**, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

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- Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
 - Moses was a servant
 - Deuteronomy 18:15-19 --- a prophet like me; listen to him (previously quoted)
 - Joshua 1:1-2 --- [1](#) After the death of **Moses the servant of the Lord**, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, [2](#) "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.

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- but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And **we are his house** if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
 - Christ is the son
 - 1 Peter 2:4-8 --- 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 **you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house**, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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- but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
 - Ephesians 2:19-22 --- [19](#) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God**, [20](#) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21](#) in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22](#) In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
 - We are his house IF we hold fast our confidence ...

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- Hebrews 3:7-11 (Warning from the Wilderness)
 - 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ 11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

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- Quoted from Psalm 95:7-11 --- attributed to the Holy Spirit; further evidence of the inspiration of the scriptures.
- Exodus 17:1-7 --- lack of faith; testing God; quarreling with Moses
 - Massah --- testing
 - Meribah --- quarreling (**rebellion**)
- Numbers 20:1-13 --- Moses struck the rock
- Numbers 14:20-35 --- no faith in God; the report of Joshua and Caleb (**grasshoppers**)
 - Tested God ten times (v. 22)
 - Water
 - Manna
 - Quail
 - Cloud and Pillar of fire for guidance and protection

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- **Hebrews 3:12-14 The Danger of Departing**
 - **12** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. **13** But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

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- Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart
 - **Israelites wanted to go back to Egypt; Hebrew Christians wanting to go back to the Law**
 - Jude 5 --- Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
 - Mark 16:16 --- he who does not believe shall be condemned
 - 1 Corinthians 9:27 --- But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 --- take heed lest you fall
 - 2 Peter 2 --- the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment

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- Leading you to fall away from the living God
 - Consequence of sin – drift farther away from God
 - Isaiah 59:2 --- your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God
 - farther – distance; further – degree.
- Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today
 - Hebrews 10:24-25 --- stir up one another to love and good works; encourage one another
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14 --- encourage one another
 - 1 Timothy 6:2b --- teach and exhort these things
 - Urgent --- today
 - Opportunity is today

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- Hardened by the deceitfulness of sin
 - Genesis 3:1-7 --- 1 Now **the serpent was more crafty** than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say**, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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- Hardened by the deceitfulness of sin
 - 1 John 2:15-17 --- [15](#) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16](#) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. [17](#) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
 - Matthew 13:22 --- As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but **the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word**, and it proves unfruitful.

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- Hardened by the deceitfulness of sin
 - James 1:13-15 --- [13](#) Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. [14](#) But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15](#) Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
 - 1 Peter 5:8-9 --- [8](#) Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,** seeking someone to devour. [9](#) Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.
 - Hardened --- become stubborn and not heed the word of God

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- For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.
 - A believer can become an unbeliever

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- Hebrews 3:15-19 (Reminder of what happened to Israel)
 - [15](#) As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” [16](#) For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? [17](#) And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? [18](#) And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? [19](#) So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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- They were unable to enter rest (the promised land) because of unbelief
 - Encourage one another
- 1 Corinthians 10:9-11 --- [9](#) We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, [10](#) nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. [11](#) Now **these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction**, on whom the end of the ages has come.
 - Revelation 2:10 --- Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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- Hear God's voice, today, while there is an opportunity.