

The Faithful SON!

Hebrews 3:1-6

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Introduction

- Finding a reliable, trustworthy company to replace our windows
- When the going gets tough, we look for someone who is reliable, trustworthy, faithful.
- Hebrew Christians are encouraged to stick with Jesus and not return to the safe haven of Judaism.

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A. Consider Jesus! Fix your thoughts on Him!

- Hebrews 3:1-- *"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus."*
1. **The writer is addressing believers-- "holy brethren"**
 2. **As believers we need to continue to keep our mind, our gaze on Jesus.**
 - Philippians 3:10, 12-- *"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."*
 3. **Consider Jesus in His two roles or functions:**
 - a. **The ultimate "apostle"**
 - John 8:42-- *"If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me."*
 - John 4:34-- *"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."*
 - 1 John 4:9-- *"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."*
 - 1 John 4:14-- *"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as Savior of the world."*
 - b. **The ultimate "High Priest"**

B. Consider the Faithfulness of Jesus!

- Hebrews 3:2-- *"Who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house."*
1. **Jesus was faithful to Him who appointed Him.**
 - a. **Jesus was faithful in finishing the work that God the Father sent Him to do.**
 - John 8:29-- *"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*
 - John 17:4-- *"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."*
 - b. **Jesus was faithful just as Moses had been faithful**
 - Hebrews 3:2-- *"Who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house."*
 - 1) The Jews considered Moses as the "father of their country."

2) **God's assessment of Moses as a faithful servant.**

- Numbers 12:6-8-- *"Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"*

3) Both Jesus and Moses are role models for these Jewish believers to follow.

2. **Faithfulness of Jesus as the Son over the "house"!**

- Hebrews 3:3-6-- *"For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."*

a. **"House" refers to the people of faith.**

- Hebrews 3:6-- *"but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."*

b. **Moses played a role in the development of the "house" but not as the "builder". God is the builder!**

- Deuteronomy 7:7-9-- *"The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."*

1) **He was a "faithful servant in all His house".**

- a) *"servant"*-- the "head servant" or "lead servant"
- b) He was a faithful, obedient caring servant-- a good steward.

2) **His main task was communicating God's message to God's people.**

3) **The law was a shadow of things to come.**

- Hebrews 3:5-- *"for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward."*
- Hebrews 10:1-- *"For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect."*

4) **The "shadow" pointed to Christ.**

- John 5:46-- *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me"*

c. **Jesus Christ was the faithful Son over His house.**

- Hebrews 3:6-- *"But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."*

1) **Big difference between being a "servant" and a "son".**

- John 8:35-- *"And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever."*

- 2) **The “house” belongs to Jesus. It is “His house”**
 - Ephesians 2:19-22-- *“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*

d. **Application: How can we know if we are members of “Christ’s house”?**

- Hebrews 3:6b-- *“whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”*
- 1) **“Holding fast” does not mean that we must hang on in order to keep our salvation.**
 - 2) **Simply means that continuance is the proof of reality.** We can tell we are really the house of God if we stay there.
 - 1 John 2:19-- *“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.”*
 - 3) **True saints persevere, and their perseverance is evidence of their salvation.**
 - John 8:31-- *“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.’”*
 - 4) **The Lord keeps those who truly belong to Him.**
 - John 6:39-- *“This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”*
 - 5) **We need to “examine ourselves” to be sure we are truly saved.**
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5-- *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified.”*
 - 6) **We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, the faithful Son, for He is all that we need!**