

SERIES: **BETTER- Hope from the book of Hebrews**

TITLE & TEXT: **Consider Christ | Hebrews 3:1-6**

Flat tire on a country road- *"I'll figure it out on my own"*- got stuck deeper in the mud + no air in spare
As confident as I was in myself, I couldn't help myself (Mel called tow truck)

Context: This book was written to Christians who were struggling with their faith in the 1st century.
Perhaps you are in the same boat- whether a Christian or not yet one,
but struggling in your faith

MAIN MESSAGE- Our confidence comes from considering Christ

In the day of trouble; in the day of trial; in the day of temptation
Through the sin; through the suffering

Let's unpack our text and highlight 6 considerations-

¹Therefore,

...because Jesus desires to help you in your weakness and because He, being a human Himself,
knows and understand the pull and tug of temptation and sufferings...

holy brothers and sisters, who share in a heavenly calling,

Speaks of our identity and our purpose

'Holy' Not a kudos to our achievements- it's our position in Christ

As amazing as a truth as that is, it's not the point; the point is the 2nd part of the verse:

consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

'Consider'- from a Greek word meaning to look something up and down until you understand it

Consider Jesus, but consider Him rightly, the way He has revealed Himself in scripture.

Consider that Jesus reveals God to people, and represents people to God

APOSTLE= Sent One (more specifically, those whom God sends out as His representatives)

Jesus is the first apostle (**John 20:21** *"As the Father has sent me, I also send you."*)

HIGH PRIEST= the one who would present Himself to God on behalf of the people

He is the messenger and the minister

As apostle He speaks to humans on behalf of God;

as high priest, He represents humans on behalf of God.

²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was in all God's household.

Consider that Jesus' faithfulness to you never fails, since it's founded on His faithfulness to Himself

According to the text, who was Jesus faithful to?

to the one who appointed Him to the work of salvation, the Father.

This is VERY good news for us. His commitment to your salvation and subsequent sanctification and ultimate glorification **does not depend on your ability to remain faithful** (that will be important to bear in mind in V6), we are unable to remain faithful, we've all proven so!

BUT, His commitment is grounded and dependent on His faithfulness to Himself, which never fails nor is it ever at risk of being violated.

"The glory of God's faithfulness is that no sin of ours has ever made Him unfaithful." - Charles Spurgeon

2 Timothy 2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

³For Jesus is considered worthy of more glory than Moses,
just as the builder has more honor than the house.

Consider that Jesus is the focus of the Bible, not us.

Moses was perhaps the most honorable figure for first century Jews.

He led the exodus from Egypt; he received and delivered the Law; He instituted the tabernacle and the ceremonial worship; he wrote the Pentateuch (Gen-Deut.)

Yet it says that Jesus is considered worthy of more glory

"Jesus Christ is the climax of redemptive history and the fulfillment of all of God's Old Testament promises, prophecies, and patterns." -AL Mohler

Moses' whole life and ministry was intended to be a big arrow pointing to Jesus Christ.

Q: What does my life point to currently?

I want my achievements to point to God's goodness that He would use the weak
Even my failures I want them to point to God's grace and mercy

Why is *JESUS WORTHY OF MORE GLORY THAN MOSES*? The analogy answers it-

Moses= the house, but Jesus= the builder

It's not that Moses is to be disregarded (more on that later)-

simply that Moses merely pointed to Jesus who fulfilled all that Moses represented

⁴ Now every house is built by someone, but the one who built everything is God.

Consider that Jesus is God

‘the one who built everything is God’ is a fact of creation...but a point is being made,
God built everything.....Jesus built the house.....Jesus is God

⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s household,
as a testimony to what would be said in the future.

⁶ But Christ was faithful as a Son over his household.

Consider that though Jesus came to serve, He is the royal Son who rules

Moses was faithful as *SERVANT* – Jesus was faithful as *SON*

Moses pointed to *WHAT WOULD BE SAID* – Jesus is the fulfillment of the message

Moses was a servant *IN THE HOUSE* – Jesus was *OVER THE HOUSE*

We have to be careful not to make the mistake that because Christ is the fulfillment of what Moses and the Law pointed to, that we end up throwing out the Old Testament and everything pre-Christ.

The argument that the author of Hebrews is making is *not*
comparing Moses’ faults and failures to Jesus’ achievements;
it is highlighting Moses’ faithfulness as a servant in God’s house and then contrasting that to Jesus’
faithfulness as Son over God’s house, which is far greater.

IOW: the argument isn’t: the OT is irrelevant and should be dismissed.

The argument simply is: Sonship is greater than servanthood.

And we are that household if we hold on to our confidence and the hope in which we boast.

The word ‘House’ (household) appears 6 times here: V2, V3, V4, V5, V6 ^{x2}

= dwelling, where one resides/dwells

In the OT when people thought they could contain God to a building, here’s what He said:

Isaiah 66:1 This is what the Lord says: Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool.

Where could you possibly build a house for me? And where would my resting place be?

That’s why it’s even more astounding that God would now call US (believers) His house, His temple,
where He dwells!

Consider that God dwells with those who dwell in Him

‘WE ARE THAT HOUSE’- believers indwelt with the Holy Spirit; He abides in us/ tabernacles in us;

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

1 Peter 2:5 you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:19-22 So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.

An encouragement that seems almost clouded by the 2nd part of the verse:

‘if we hold on to our confidence and the hope in which we boast’

the requirement is that our confidence must always be **on Him**, not ourselves or other means-
He is our hope for salvation and restoration-

that is what makes anyone the church' the temple of the Holy Spirit

3:6c Hebrews has some of the most encouraging passages on the assurance of our salvation being based in the work of Christ; Hebrews also has some of the most disturbing warnings to persevere in that salvation.

The hope and confidence and boast in the finished work of Jesus; our faith is in that alone.

We are not saved by faith but then kept by works (if we act right)

We are saved and kept *by grace through faith* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Next week is the warning- don't stop believing!

This day is the encouragement- hold on to your faith

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Call to Action:

- **Take hold of this hope** (*initially & continually*)
- **Boast of Him to someone**

BULPEN-

“Who better to represent God to humans than God? Who better to represent humans to God than a human? Jesus alone is both these things.”- Michael Kruger

The word ‘servant’ (in other translations slave) usually comes from the Greek *doulos*.

Although it does not refer to slaves as we know them, It still captures the essence of a lowly stature.

However, the word translated ‘servant’ in this passage does not come from the Greek *doulos*.

It comes from the Greek word *therapon*., which was someone who held a position of nobility under the authority of the one who appointed him.

A Christians’ confidence is to consider Christ

Ch1-2 Jesus is superior to angels; Ch 3a shift- Jesus is superior to Moses

Consider Jesus- you’ve given XYZ a try, now consider Jesus

All God's giants have been weak men and women who have gotten hold of God's faithfulness.

Hudson Taylor

What would it look like if you truly took hold of an awareness of God’s faithfulness ?

JESUS/MOSES- one was a partial glimpse of what the other would be fully

HOUSEHOLD- (or house) God has a house? A dwelling?

Home is where you rest, where you feel comfortable, where you know the rules-
hotels are nice, friends’ houses are nice, but there’s no place like home.

Some 50 years ago, the building was considered the dwelling of God

Which is why you walked in ‘reverent’ (no hats, nicest clothes, correct rituals, etc)

Even when the Temple was still up, and the people would begin to think that the building was
God’s house, He would correct them-

Isaiah 66:1 This is what the Lord says: Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool.

Where could you possibly build a house for me?

And where would my resting place be?

So where...or what is God’s house then? Verse 6 tells us: “we are that household”

Maybe ‘home’ for you wasn’t or isn’t a place you want to go to, feel safe at.

You avoid being home.

This ‘home’ is different. It’s safe.

Hebrews 10:23 gives us the motivation to hang on to that hope- that even if we are not, He is faithful to the end