

Indentation:

(the predetermined sermon design which best accomplishes the sermon's purpose)

Identification:

Hebrews 3, Greater Than Moses

Introduction:

Simply review the Exodus and the years that follow. Only three believed. The rest were following, not followers.

Ingression:

Over a thousand years later, the author of Hebrews was concerned about the same thing. Because of the incarnation, the original readers were to understand that Jesus was and is greater than Moses, which was to give them a greater confidence, a greater hope, a greater responsibility, and a greater need to know where they stood with Jesus.

Inspiration:

Review so far. The Supremacy of Christ. Jesus is greater than.

- Greater than the angels, because of
 - A great name
 - A greater salvation - warning: drifting
 - A greater incarnation
- Greater than Moses - warning: departing

Ingression:

The Lord wants us to experience the supremacy of Christ in our lives. We experience that **by being aware of and acting upon these realities:**

Itemization:

[2] Jesus is greater than Moses because of His incarnation and Sonship. We share in that with Him and one another if we are in Him. This gives us a greater confidence in our message and a greater hope for our future. [3:1-6](#).

- [3:1-2](#)
 - **Therefore** - review [2:17-18](#).
 - **partaker** - as in a business partner, one who share in the profits and losses with the others. metachoi. What is it that makes us partners? Our heavenly calling.
 - **consider** - **imperative**, take notice of for the purpose of examination, then examine it. keep your focus on, take note of, fix your thoughts on. Who? Jesus. In context. How about today?
 - **apostle and High Priest** - similar to what Moses did, though Moses was more of a mediator just as Jesus was/is.
 - **confession** - saying the same thing. Are we? Are you saying the same thing that Jesus is saying?
 - **house** - house, dwelling, home. This is where we get the idea that Jesus lives in you. Does anyone else live in there? Any rooms or closets Jesus isn't allowed in?
- [3:3](#) **counted more worthy** - big deal to Jewish thinking!
- [3:6](#)
 - **hold fast** - hold on to, squash, suppress, possess, occupy, in one instance to bring a ship toward the shore resulting in being stuck. Ship this week. Look at the power when something holds fast, that massive ship. Power!
 - **confidence** - the confidence one has when speaking authoritatively

- o [firm](#) - not going anywhere
- o [rejoicing](#) - boasting, taking pride in. Is that our attitude? Need some attitude!
- o hope - something that is sure, not iffy let alone theoretical.
- o [3:5-6](#) Contrasting servant to son

Ingression:

Are you a partner with others in the heavenly calling? Do you proactively share in that with others, believers and non alike? Do you have the confidence and the humble yet loud attitude that comes with that? Do you have hope? (Side note; hope is real sign of maturity.)

[3] We have a greater responsibility to the Lord, and to one another, to guard our believing hearts, individually and collectively. [3:7-15](#).

- [3:7-11](#) Read, reconnect to intro.
- [3:12](#)
 - o Beware, brethren - imperative. Of what?
 - o unbelief - a-faith, without faith. What does that do?
 - o departing - THIS IS WARNING #2.
 - This latter expression does not mean that at one time they belonged to God and now they no longer belong to Him, but rather that they stood away from God, never having belonged to Him. The same is true with 1 Tim. 4:1, in which the word is translated "depart," meaning they stood away from believing. This does not refer to those who had at one time been believers, but to those who refuse to believe, who stand aloof, alone.
 - Demonstrated in depart from me, I NEVER knew you.
- [3:13](#) What to do to prevent the warning
 - o [exhort](#) - imperative, to comfort, exhort, desire, call for. It's for the good!
 - o [hardened](#), [deceitfulness](#) - who are you partnering with?
- [3:14](#)
 - o words used before
 - o [we have become](#) - be born as, come into existence as, "born again"
 - o IF
 - o [beginning](#) - foundation in a sense
 - o [confidence](#) - different word from 3:6, confidence in the substance, that which makes up something. Our confession and resulting hope, that which we put our faith in is the beginning of our confidence, that which makes up the foundation that us built upon.

Ingression:

Where are you? Where is your heart? Is it standing far off having never connected itself to the Jesus in belief? Are you maintaining a connection to others, exhorting and encouraging them all the time? When are you not a Christian? When are you not breathing?

[4] Following along doesn't make you a follower. It's a matter of the heart. It's also a matter of life and death. [3:16-19](#).

- [3:16](#)
 - o [rebelled](#) - more about the effect it had on the heart of God than the actions of the people. Their rebellion, their disbelief provoked God. Yikes! Modern Christians who don't like what God says so they redefine it and follow that, while claiming to be true Christians.
 - o [sinned](#) - what was their sin? Disobedience due to disbelief, lack of faith in God, resulting in not entering.
 - o What is this rest? More on this next time. Jesus is greater than the Sabbath.
 - o **[5]** Belief is manifested in actions, both our actions and God's.
 - I got really nervous when I asked, "What is God doing in your life?" and no one wanted to share anything. Either because God wasn't doing anything or because

people were shy. I'm hoping it was because people were shy.

- If God isn't doing anything there is really only one reason - unbelief. When you don't believe you don't go anywhere, except away from the Lord. Departing.

Ingression:

Not preaching name it and claim it. I am preaching that if you believe in Jesus that it will be demonstrated by actions by you in your life, and actions by God in your life, primarily motivated and demonstrated in love. Are you following at a distance, or are you a follower in heart and in deed?

Imploration:

This is the gospel. This is die to self and live in Him.

Let us always have Jesus on our minds. Let us always have one another on our minds. Let us not simply be following, but followers in and with faith.