

Jesus Christ: Better than Moses



HEBREWS 3:1-6

Recap...

Chapter 1: The Author of our Salvation

Chapter 2: The Sanctifier of our Salvation

Chapter 3: The Brotherhood of our salvation

Chapter 4: The Conqueror of our Salvation

Chapter 5: The Sympathetic Helper of our Salvation

Who was Moses to the Jew?



“it is hard for Gentiles to understand the affection Jews have always had for Moses. He was a great man, a man of God who stood head and shoulders above all other men. Almost everything of importance connected with God is, in the Jews’s mind, connected with Moses” (MacArthur)

Who was Moses to the Jew?



Moses	
God protected and preserved him in his birth (Ex 1:2-10)	God gave Moses the 10 Commandments with a “finger of fire” (Ex 31:18)
He confronted Pharaoh (Ex 5-12)	Moses wrote the entire Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible)
He led the people out of Egypt (ex 14)	The OT law and Moses were synonymous (referred to as “the Law of Moses”..Luke 2:22, Acts 13:39)
He Spoke to God “face to face” (not in visions as He did the prophets..Ex 33:11)	He gave the plans for the Tabernacle (EX 25)
God spoke to Moses in a burning bush (Ex 3:2)	He gave the plans for the Ark of the Covenant (EX 25, 37)
God spoke to Moses from heaven (Ex 3:2, 17:14)	God Himself buried Him in his death (Deut 34:5-7)

The Writer's Call...

“holy brethren...”

“partakers of a heavenly calling...”

“consider Jesus”

“...many Christians do not enjoy Jesus. They appear to be miserable and unhappy, and they do not know anything about His joy. They may think the only thing the Lord does for us is to give us an occasional rebuke. They see Him this way because they do not walk with Him day by day. They do not know him richly and deeply and intimately. They need to consider Jesus and learn from Him....If you want to enjoy Jesus you have to stay with Him until you learn to enjoy Him. Stay there until your Christian life is one thrill after another. Until every waking moment of your day is joy upon joy upon joy. Consider Him. Focus your attention on Him.” (MacArthur)

I. Jesus is greater because of His position (3:1)

“the Apostle and High Priest of our confession”

A. The Apostle

“Apostle”-sent one

Deuteronomy 18:15–18 (NASB95) — 15 *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. 16* *“This is according to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.’ 17* *“The LORD said to me, ‘They have spoken well. 18* *‘I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.*

Isaiah 48:16 (NASB95) — 16 *“Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit.”*

Isaiah 61:1 (NASB95) — 1 *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;*

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A. The Apostle (Cont)..the coming Messiah came to be known as the “Sent One” of God

John 4:34: “Yeshua said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”

John 5:30: ‘I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge and My judgment is just because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.’

John 6:29: “Yeshua answered and said to them, ‘This is the Work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.’”

John 6:38: ‘For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.’

John 7:29: ‘I know Him because I am from Him, and He sent Me.’

John 8:29: ‘And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.’

John 12:45: ‘He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.’

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B. High Priest



II. Jesus is greater because He is the Builder (2-4)

A. Greater Faithfulness

- **Moses was faithful:**

***Numbers 12:7–8 (NASB95) — 7** “Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; **8** With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?”*

- **Yet...not free from sin**

***Numbers 20:12 (NASB95) — 12** But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”*

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A. Greater Faithfulness-

Jesus was perfectly obedient

John 8:29 (NASB95) — 29 “And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

John 17:4–5 (NASB95) — 4 “I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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B. Greater Glory:

1) In His Creation of all things

2) In His covenant

2 Corinthians 3:7–11 (NASB95) — **7** But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, **8** how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? **9** For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory. **10** For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it. **11** For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

III. Jesus is greater because of His Sonship (5-6)

“Servant”-refers to the highest ranking servant (only used here in the NT)

*“ He was a faithful, obedient, ministering, caring, servant-a good steward of God. In Exodus 35-40 there are 22 references to Moses faithfulness to God. Exodus 40 alone refers eight times to Moses’ obedience in everything God commanded of Him. But...He was not a son”
(MacArthur)*

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“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me”

-John 5:46



Conclusion:

Consider Jesus...

“When life gets rough and problems seem to have no solution and everything goes bad and disappointment and depression become “normal” and temptations seem impossible to resist-put your gaze on Jesus and keep it intently until He begins to unfold before your eyes in all His glorious power.” (MacArthur)

Conclusion:

Question: How does the writer of Hebrews end this section?

“if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.”