

**“The Promise: Superior to Moses (as a Son)”**  
**Hebrews 3:1-6**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. The One Who Deserves Full Consideration...Jesus (v.1-2)**

- A. "Holy brothers"
  - 1. Made brothers (sisters) by Christ's supreme, sufficient person and work as fully God and fully man, you share in the inheritance to come (eternal perspective)
  - 2. First time the author makes direct reference to his audience (share in the holy calling)
- B. "Consider"
  - 1. Behold, discover, perceive
  - 2. Beholding / gazing are important motifs throughout Scripture, and Hebrews includes it at critical junctures as well
- C. He is the apostle and high priest of our confession
  - 1. Apostle as sent one of God
  - 2. High priest as the only mediator between God and men, of which Moses was a type, but more apostles and priests would follow him, whereas Christ is the sufficient one who lives forever
- D. He faithfully fulfilled the will of the Father
  - 1. **John 10:14-18**
  - 2. **Galatians 1:4-5**

**II. He is Worthy of More Glory than Moses (vv.3-6)**

- A. "Counted worthy" (v.3)
- B. "More glory than Moses"

- 1. Quite stirring language when you consider how the Jews felt about Moses
- 2. You'll notice the language doesn't unnecessarily demean the role of Moses. Rather, Jesus is exalted.
- 3. **Acts 6:11**
- 4. Comparison of builder with the house itself
- C. Supremacy of God (v.4)
- D. Sonship of Christ (vv.5-6a)
  - 1. Moses' faithfulness was measured by His message
  - 2. Like the angels, Moses was to testify to these things
  - 3. Moses is a servant of the house, therefore, Moses served the church by telling of God's promises and foretelling of the Messiah, and the church is to glory in her Redeemer - together, this is passive perfect indicative, indicating the permanent nature of the condition with a definite object (Jesus)
  - 4. Christ is the Son (the Messiah of God - first time the author uses Christ)
- E. Our purpose is to glorify the Son (v.6b)
  - 1. **Ephesians 2:19-21**
  - 2. Our sonship will be marked by perseverance (this is a theme throughout this letter)
  - 3. Perseverance glorifies the Son -- perseverance and God's gracious, sovereign salvation go hand in hand
  - 4. Fruit-bearing glorifies the Son ("boasting" relates to boldness in life and telling)
  - 5. The end of salvation is to glorify the house-builder, not the house
  - 6. Therefore, nothing should thrill us more than glorifying the Son and helping others to become Christ-glorifiers

## **CONCLUSION:**

- Believer, are you persevering in your faith? If you are struggling with feeling significant, perhaps just "off" in your walk with Christ, it is most likely because you are falling short of the mark to glorify God. Isn't it telling that sin is defined as "missing the mark", which, in Romans 3:23 states, "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." So, our sinfulness is defined by what glorifies God, not what we deem to be bad.
- This is the perfection of the glorious God that we have to answer to. Not only is sin against His rules, it is any act or thought that does not give Him glory. If you think you are in good standing with God today, yet do not submit to God's perfection, exposing your pride, falling at the feet of Christ, the faithful high priest, then you are basing your eternity on your own merits. Have you ever NOT glorified God in everything
- Church, Christ is the head of the church. We are the church. We are designed to reflect the glory of the builder of the house, not the house, which would be ourselves!