

Hebrews 3 (Rev. Dustin Largent) JESUS GREATER THAN MOSES

- So Far – Jesus is greater than angels. He made everything, He is the Son, and the argument that Jesus is less than angels because He was a human is bunk because the OT tells us that man, not angels will have dominion over the earth and that we will rule with Christ, not angels.
- Though the Jews had great admiration for angels, there is nobody more revered by Jews than Moses. He was even more revered than angels.
- What man could be greater than Moses?
 - **God spoke directly to Moses.** The glory of God was transferred to the face of Moses. (veil). Other's heard from God in visions or second hand from Moses.
 - **He was the deliverer of the law** and nothing was more important to the Jews than the law.
 - **All the things the author is trying to get the Hebrews to look beyond came from Moses.** The first 5 books of Bible itself. The Tabernacle. The Priesthood. The Sacrifices. The Ark of the Covenant, the ten commandments. The Sabbath day.
 - **Moses did miracles.** Parting of Red Sea. Water from a Rock, Manna from heaven.

Deut. 18:15 - ***The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.***

- So Moses himself said that there was a prophet coming after Him that was like Him and that when He came they needed to listen to Him.
- Jesus has a lot of similarities with Moses.
 - **Both Moses and Jesus were Jews born when Israel was ruled by oppressive Gentile nations. Israel was in slavery to the Egyptians when Moses was born and Israel was oppressively ruled by the Romans when Jesus was born.** EX.1:8-10 & Lk. 2:1-5
 - **Decrees were sent out by wicked kings to kill babies during both Moses and Jesus' infancies.** Ex 1:23 & Mt. 2:16
 - **As children, both Moses and Jesus were hidden in Egypt to keep them alive** - Ex 2:2 & Mt. 2:13
 - **Both Moses and Jesus' mothers put them in unconventional bassinets.** Moses' mother put him in the river in a BASKET & Jesus' mother put him in a MANGER (feeding trough) Ex.2:3. & Lk. 2:7 Both Jesus & Moses were brought up by a men who were not their natural fathers. Ex 2:9-10 & Lk. 2:33
 - **When Moses grew up, he saw the burdens of his brethren and had compassion on them and Jesus saw His people as sheep without a shepherd and had compassion on them.** Ex.2:11 & Mk. 6:34
 - **Both Moses and Jesus offered water at a well to women which wasn't the normal custom.** Moses at a well, was kind to the daughters of the priest of Midian and watered their flock in Ex.2:17

- and Jesus was kind to a Samaritan woman at a well and offered her in John 4:9-11
- Moses brought the Israelites out of slavery to Egypt. Jesus brought the Israelites and the world out of slavery to sin and death
- The Israelites experienced 400 dark years of bondage to Egypt until Moses came to rescue them. The nation of Israel experienced 400 dark years of prophetic silence from God until Jesus came to save to save us.
- Moses went through the wilderness before he began his ministry to free the Israelites and Jesus went through the wilderness and was tempted by Satan before he began his ministry and freed us from our sins.
- Moses was both a prince and a slave at the same time, being a prince but also a Hebrew. Jesus is both God and man at the same time.
- Moses was royalty in Egypt, but left his position of power to free the enslaved Israelite people. Jesus was royalty in Heaven, but left his position of power to free an enslaved world.
- Moses held up a pole with a snake on it, and everyone who looked upon it would be saved from their deadly snakebites. Jesus was held up on cross, and everyone who looks upon Him will be saved from the Serpent's sting of death.
- While the Israelites were dying of thirst, Moses struck a rock, and from the blow, it gushed water to quench their thirst. When we are dying of spiritual thirst, God struck a better Rock, Jesus, and from the blow, it gushes Living Water.

So the big question might be is this a coincidence? And if not what does it mean?

John 1:17, NIV: ***"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."***

- So Moses himself said that there was a prophet coming after Him that was like Him and that when He came they needed to listen to Him.

VS 1- holy brothers and sister, heavenly calling

- This is speaking to Christians because only Christians have a heavenly calling.
- Remember this letter is written to a church with people that are Christians converted from Judaism, other who believe but have not yet committed to Christ and those who do not yet believe.

VS 1- Fix your thoughts on Jesus. Our apostle and high priest.

- Think about Jesus. Let the rest of it fade away.
- Get over the Moses rituals and what they did and focus on Jesus.
- What Moses gave you was earthy. Obey these rules and you can inherit this earthly land.

- God wants so much more for us. We have a heavenly calling and our inheritance isn't earthly land, but is in heavenly places.
- Moses was an apostle (sent) but not a priest. (Aaron was priest).
- "Acknowledge" – Confess in original. Don't just confess but fix your thoughts on Him.

Vs 2-6 – Both faithful over houses.

- Moses was faithful. – Remember he is speaking to Jews who esteem Moses. Doesn't mention few times Moses was unfaithful.
- **What is God's house?** In OT we see House of Israel and house of David. This is OT believers. Moses is faithful in His dealings with the OT believers.
- **Jesus is faithful to His house? What is that?**

Ephesians 2:19-22 - *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

- **Jesus is greater than Moses because Moses is a part of the house and Jesus built the house.**
- **Jesus is greater than Moses because Moses was a servant in the house but Jesus was the Son.**
- Moses faithfully managed an earthly house. Jesus faithfully managed a heavenly house which the earthly house pointing to
- **What made Moses faithful? Why does God call him faithful?** He messed up by sticking the rock in the wilderness. He ran away after murdering an Egyptian. What made Moses faithful?
- **Vs 5, "Bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future."** – What's that! What would come in the future? JESUS!!!
- **"And we are His house"** – It's no longer earthly tabernacles, but we are His body. He dwells in His people.

Vs 7-11- He quotes from David in the Psalm 95:7-11

- But he says the Holy Spirit says. . .

Vs 12-9 - Warning to those listening is same warning given 1000 years earlier to the Hebrews in David's day.

- In the wilderness they saw God's miracles daily and still hardened their hearts.
- Response of Israelites in the desert was to grumble and want to go back to Egypt. These Jews are in danger of doing the same thing. Going back to what they trusted before.
- You Hebrews reading this letter. Don't harden your hearts now that You have been presented with the Jesus, the greatest miracle of all.
- The ones Moses led all died in the wilderness. The one's Jesus leads shall not perish but will inherit eternal life.