

# JESUS: SUPERIOR TO MOSES



HEBREWS 3:1-6

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**God has called all believers to be holy. In 1 Peter 3:15, we learn that we are called to be holy as God is holy. This is God's plan for us. He desires us to be 100% holy all the time. Yet, because of our old sinful flesh (Old Adam), we struggle for this holiness. Even Paul was in a constant tug of war between sin and righteousness (Romans 7).**

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**Holiness basically means to be separate (cf. Leviticus 20:26). We are called to be separate from the world and from sin. That mean we are to be different.**

**Are you different?**

**Can people notice something different or even “weird” about you?**

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**Though we are in a constant struggle for holiness, it is something that we cannot achieve on this earth. Through the process of sanctification, and consciously confessing and repenting of our sin, we can't attain complete sanctification until we enter into rest and He finally wipes away all our sin. Yet the author still calls believers holy. Why?**



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**In God's sight that is what we are. When God looks at us, He sees not our sins, but the righteousness of Christ who sacrificed Himself for us!!! This is something like the love of a parent, who always looks at the positive side of their children and not the weaknesses. Only in our case, Jesus took on our sins and clothed us with His righteousness. Knowing that God looks at you as holy, how should you respond?**

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**We are citizens of heaven. We are ambassadors of Christ. Our identity is not in which nationality, tax bracket, or of any club which we belong. It is not in our favorite sports team, our gender, or even our vocation. Our core identity is rooted in the fact that we are Christians, followers of Christ; ones in whom Christ lives in, thusly: CHRIST IN OR CHRISTIANS.**

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**As we have seen, God calls us to holiness. What else does He call us to do?**

**He calls us to be a light in the world. He calls us to share the Good News with everyone, everywhere. He calls us to live our lives worthily as His soldiers, His messengers, His ambassadors; even His brother!**

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**2...who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.**

**The faithfulness of Jesus is by allusion to two passages of the OT: 1 Sam 2:35 & Num 12:7.**

**1 Sam 2:35 - The preacher of Hebrews identifies the faithful priest in this passage with the Messiah and the faithful house with the new priestly people of God!**



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**Num 12:7 - The faithful service of Jesus as the Great High Priest is contrasted with the faithful service of Moses in God's house.**

**The full context of Moses' service is found in Num 12:1-16. In verse 8, God says that Moses beheld the *“glory of the LORD.”* Often in Hebrews, the preacher takes it both ways by saying that Moses was faithful in establishing God's House (the Tabernacle) and in speaking God's Word to the Israelites.**

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<sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

**Even though Jesus and Moses were faithful in God's house, Jesus is regarded by the Father as, *“worthy of more glory than Moses.”***

**Our LORD is far more superior to Moses. Why? Because Jesus has greater honor as the One who furnishes God's house!**

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**Anyone who builds and furnishes a house has greater honor than the house! So too Jesus! Since He is building and furnishing a new and better house...God's Heavenly Household!**

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<sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.).

**This verse is a parenthesis that the preacher uses to bring to mind what he has already discussed in 1:2 and 2:8.**

**Here he tells us that Jesus is the Son and Heir of all things; the One set over the world to come, the New Homeland, the heavenly habitat for all God's people (you!).**

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<sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

**Now the contrast is made between the work of Moses as a steward in all God's house and the service of Jesus.**

**Jesus is the Son whom the Father has set as the Great High Priest over His House!**

**This verse is a paraphrase of Num. 12:7 that stresses the role of Moses as a faithful steward.**



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**The point is that Moses was faithful in not just reporting what he saw and heard on Mt. Sinai concerning the tabernacle, the priesthood, and the Divine Service, but also by giving prophetic testimony to the things that would be spoken by God; spoken by His Son (1:2). We will see later in Hebrews (11:23-28; 12:1) that Moses is also a witness!**

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**but, rather, by the Holy Spirit (1:9; cf. Acts 10:37-38).**

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**Unlike Moses, Jesus is also God's Son! Jesus was anointed as God's royal Priest because He was already God's eternal Son.**

**Jesus is NOT the chief steward; rather, Jesus is set over God's house. God's household belongs to Jesus as The Heir (1:2).**

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**So, now, you may be  
thinking: Who or What is  
God's House?**



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***"And we are his house..." You, this congregation, is God's house!***



**Thusly, you are a royal, heavenly priesthood; the royal heavenly household of God! You are the house that Jesus is building for Himself and God! And Jesus furnishes the royal Household with His brothers!**

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**Therefore, ongoing attentive adherence to Him is a must! Note the use of the word "we!"**

**The preacher is reminding the congregation that "we" are totally dependent on Jesus! To remain in His house, "we" must hold on to Him! How so?**

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So from where do you (we) derive our status?

- + NOT from Ancestry;**
- + NOT from Achievements;**
- + NOT from Social Contacts!**

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**Take great PRIDE! Your status has been conferred onto you! You have been adopted to be a brother to Jesus!**

**This is your HOPE! An inheritance that is yours as long as YOU remain God's house and retain your freedom as God's royal sons!**