

I. Lesson: Jesus and Moses Pt. 1 (Heb 3:1-11)

A. Jesus was just as faithful as Moses but greater (3:1-6)

1. The writer asks the audience, those who have partaken in the “heavenly calling,” a transcendent way of being, to think about Jesus who is both the apostle and the high priest of our confession of faith.
 - a. Remember it was Moses who was appointed by God to anoint his brother, Aaron to be first and originator of the priesthood of Israel. All priests were Levites but not all Levites were priests. Only the sons of Aaron were set apart as priests.
 - b. Jesus is understood as the apostle or one who is sent by God to fulfill all of God’s will. He is the apostle before all apostles.
2. Jesus was responsible to fulfill his calling as we are. In other words, he had to be faithful to his calling. He, as a human being, had to work hard to show us the way of faithfulness to God. He did not have it easier because he was God’s son. He had to trust his father and work out his calling. Moses was faithful in God’s house, most likely the tabernacle of God. He fulfilled his role in getting it built and helping the people meet God.
3. Jesus has more honor in God’s house because people make houses but God is the maker of people. Jesus is our maker.
4. Moses was a servant in God’s house but Jesus is over the house as son. We are now the house of God. The tabernacle is now defunct. We are the house of God house of God **IF we hold on to what the Lord told us.**

B. Listen, Hold on, and Rest! (3:7-11)

1. The writer quotes Ps 95:7-11 with the comment, “the Holy Spirit says.” It is because the Christian does not just hear what the Spirit **said** to the church but what the Spirit **says** to the church.
2. The psalm reflects back on when the wilderness wanderings when God decided to destroy generations of Israel for their unbelief against God with particular notice to their rejection of the promise of the promised land (Num 14).
3. Because of their disobedience, because of their hardness of heart, Israel could not rest in God’s presence but invited war and wrath from God. Sin always attracts chaos. But the righteousness of God invites peace. We need to seek the rest of God through peace in righteousness.