

***Christ is Better!***  
***The Supremacy of Jesus Christ in All Things***  
(Series on the Book of Hebrews)  
***Message 4:***  
***Jesus, Greater than Moses, Crowned with Glory and Honor***  
***Hebrews 3:1-19***

Periodically, human figures come along on the pages of history that forever change how things are viewed or how things are done. It has been the same way in the church. For instance, we have the Apostles, some of whom God inspired and used to write Scripture, men like Peter and John and Paul. Then, we have men right after the time of the Apostles, Church Fathers. These were men who stood against early heresies and helped to give us early Christian Creeds based upon the truth of Scripture that would serve as summaries of Orthodox Christian faith. We come down to the period of the Reformation, and we have figures such as Martin Luther and John Calvin.

As we think of the history of the Old Testament, several names surface like Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and King David. It would be hard to overestimate the importance of Moses to the Hebrew people. Moses became the deliverer. He was also the greatest prophet. God spoke to Moses face to face as is described in ***Numbers 12:6-8***. Furthermore, Moses was the lawgiver. Finally, Moses was a historian. Jesus and the New Testament writers affirm that Moses was the human author of the Pentateuch. Thus, deliverer, prophet, lawgiver, and historian, are all words we could use to describe this man Moses. In spite of such lofty titles, ***Numbers 12:3*** describes Moses as the most humble man on the face of the earth. Moses was revered by his people.

But, in ***Chapter 3***, we are reminded that in Jesus, we have One Who is greater than Moses. Just like Jesus is greater than the angels, likewise He is greater than Moses. The audience of the Book of Hebrews is being warned over and over again that they must not turn aside from Jesus and revert back to the Old Testament. What they have in Jesus is better!

Here in ***Chapter 3***, we run into the second warning that we find in Hebrews. We learn here that to live as a Christian is to receive a heavenly calling: You and I are to be salt and light. You are to live as an ambassador for Jesus Christ. To people such as this, he has a message:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ V.V. 1-6

A. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON HIM BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS V. 1

B. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON HIM BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID V. 2

**C. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON HIM BECAUSE HE IS GREATER THAN  
MOSES      V.V. 3-6**

How does all of this apply to us in Concord, NC here in 2018? Well, think about this. What did the Pharisees emphasize when they pointed to Moses? They emphasized the keeping of the law. Are there people like that today? Yes, in a sense. There are people who think if they keep the Golden Rule, or if they love their neighbor as their self, or if they live a good life in general, then they will be saved. But **Romans 3** points out that by the keeping of the law, no one will be saved. We need something more than Moses. We need something more than the law. We need Jesus, and the grace and truth that He offers. Jesus is more than a servant, He is God's Son.

**2. LISTEN TO JESUS - \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
V.V. 7-19**

**A. LISTENING IS \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. FAILING TO LISTEN SHOWS \_\_\_\_\_ V. 12**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ V. 13**

I want you to understand, the law that was given by Moses will not save. While the law came by Moses, **John 1:17** says grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jesus is greater than Moses. Do you know Christ? Have you experienced His grace and truth? If you know Christ already, we need to see that there is no excuse for failing to press on in the Christian faith, even in the midst of trials. We are to look to Jesus. We can have every confidence that He will take care of us.

What does your life communicate? Does your life demonstrate that you are genuine in your faith in Christ?

Finally, I want you to examine whether or not you are an encouragement to your brothers and sisters in the Lord. If not, why not? God's plan is for you to be an encouragement. We need each other. Don't ever forget that.