**Lesson 4 Hebrews 3:1-6**

**Hebrews 3:1-6 (NIV)**
1  Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.
2  He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.
3  Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.
4  For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.
5  Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.
6  But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

**Commentary**

**Chapter 3**

[3:1-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A1-6) The faithful high priest who is worthy of our trust because he is greater than Moses.

[3:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A1) holy. See note on [1Co 1:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+1%3A2). brothers. See note on [Ro 1:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+1%3A13). share in the heavenly calling. That is, participate (see note on [v. 14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A14)) in the invitation to enter into and enjoy the presence of God (see [11:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+11%3A16); [12:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A22) and notes). apostle. Means "one who is sent" (see note on [Mk 6:30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+6%3A30)). Jesus repeatedly spoke of himself as having been sent into the world by the Father (e.g., [Mt 10:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+10%3A40); [15:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+15%3A24); [Mk 9:37](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+9%3A37); [Lk 9:48](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+9%3A48); [Jn 4:34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+4%3A34); [5:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A24),[30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A30),[36-38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A36-38); [6:38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+6%3A38)). He is the supreme apostle, the one from whom all other apostleship flows. high priest. See note on [2:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+2%3A17).

[3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A2) A comparison of Christ and Moses, both of whom were sent by the Father to lead his people—the one to lead them from bondage under the pharaoh to the promised land, the other to lead them from bondage under the devil ([2:14-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14-15)) to the Sabbath-rest promised to those who believe ([4:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A3),[9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A9)). The analogy focuses on faithful stewardship.

[3:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A3) the builder... has greater honor than the house. Jesus is the actual builder of the house (or household), whereas Moses was simply a part of it.

[3:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A4) God is the builder of everything. Jesus is here equated with God, making it beyond question that Christ is greater than Moses.

[3:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A5-6) a servant in all God's house... a son over God's house. The superiority of Christ over Moses is shown in two comparisons: (1) Moses was a servant, whereas Christ is a son, and (2) Moses was in God's house, i.e., a part of it, whereas Christ is over God's house.

[3:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A5) faithful... in all God's house. See [Nu 12:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+12%3A7).

[3:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A6) we are his house. The house is made up of God's people, his household (see [Eph 2:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+2%3A19); [1Pe 2:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+2%3A5) and notes). if we hold on to our courage. Failure to persevere reveals that a person is **actually not a child of God, whereas perseverance is the hallmark of his children (cf.** [**10:35-36**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A35-36)**). hope. Assurance of free access to God (see** [**v. 1**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A1)**;** [**6:18-19**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+6%3A18-19) **and notes;** [**11:1**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+11%3A1)**;** [**Ro 5:2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+5%3A2) **and note). boast. Rejoice over (cf.** [**Gal 6:14**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+6%3A14)**; cf. also** [**1Co 1:29**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+1%3A29)**,**[**31**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+1%3A31)**;** [**2Co 10:17**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+10%3A17)**;** [**Eph 2:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+2%3A9)**).**

 **NIV Study Bible.**

**Open it**

1. Who are (or were) some of the heroes of your generation?
 **My Dad** **John Wayne**

**Explore it**

2. What blessing is promised to those who know Christ? ([3:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A1))
  **Partakers of a Heavenly calling**

3. How is Jesus like Moses? ([3:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A2))
 **He was faithful to Him who appointed Him as was Moses**

4. Why is Jesus worthy of more honor than Moses? ([3:3-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A3-6))
 **For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.**

5. How do we demonstrate that we are members of God’s household? ([3:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A6))
 **We must hold fast to our confidence and boast of our hope firm until the end**

6. What qualities are necessary for us to be faithful children of God? ([3:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A6))
 **By hold fast to that which we have from Christ**

**Get it**

7. How ought our identity affect the way we live in our daily lives?
 **We should walk the walk of our talk**

8. Why is it important for us to fix our thoughts on Jesus, our apostle and high priest?
 **To avoid letting Satan get into our minds and change our focus off Jesus**

9. In what ways is Christ greater than our greatest spiritual leaders and mentors?
 **He is the Son of God, know what God know and doing his will**

10. How does biblical hope differ from ordinary hope?
 **Biblical hope is firm and true, ordinary hope is like the wind and can be gone just as the wind blows**

**Apply it**

11. What is one concrete way you can give to Jesus the honor that He deserves today?
 **By recognizing all that He has down for us**

12. What Scriptural promise or biblical truth can you hold on to today to help you remain a faithful part of God’s house?
 **God will never let us down, we cannot be removed from Jesus hand in any way, say or do anything to lose our salvation**