

**Hebrews 3 vss 1 to 6 Following Jesus Is Better Than Following Moses**  
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**Intro:** First two chapters: the deity of Christ as Lord, and then the humanity of Christ as Savior. At the beginning of chapter two, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Also, chapter one showed us why Jesus is greater than the prophets and greater than the angels. Chapter three takes another aspect of the superiority of Jesus, that He is better than Moses.

**1. The community of the followers of Jesus.**

**Hebrews 3:1 (HCSB)** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers and companions in a heavenly calling,

- Consecration
- Companions
- Called

**John 6:44 (HCSB)** <sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Psalms 51:12 (HCSB)** <sup>12</sup> Restore the joy of **Your** salvation to me, and give me a willing spirit.

**2. The consideration of the followers of Jesus.**

**Hebrews 3:1-2 (HCSB)** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers and companions in a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession;**

<sup>2</sup> **He was faithful to the One who appointed Him,** just as Moses was in all God's household.

Consider is to look and learn - **Matthew 6:28 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? **Consider** the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

**Hebrews 12:3 (HCSB)** <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you won't grow weary and lose heart.

Jesus our Apostle = **John 8:42 (ESV)** <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but **he sent me**.

### **3. The contrasts of Jesus and Moses.**

#### **3a. The contrast between the builder and the building**

**Hebrews 3:2-4 (HCSB)** <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the One who appointed Him, just as Moses was in all God's household.

<sup>3</sup> For Jesus is considered worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder has more honor than the house.

<sup>4</sup> Now every house is built by someone, but the One who built everything is God.

**1 Timothy 3:15 (HCSB)** <sup>15</sup> But if I should be delayed, [I have written] so that you will know how people ought to act in God's **household**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

#### **3b. The contrast between the servant and the son.**

**Hebrews 3:5-6 (HCSB)** <sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's household, as a testimony to what would be said [in the future].

<sup>6</sup> But Christ was faithful as a Son over His household, ...

**Numbers 12:7-8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.

<sup>8</sup> With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

**4. The consistent aim of the followers of Jesus.**

(hold fast is a nautical term to keep a ships bow pointed toward the target.

**Hebrews 3:6 (HCSB)** <sup>6</sup> But Christ was faithful as a Son over His household, whose household we are if we hold on to the courage and the confidence of our hope.

**4a. Consistently aim at courage**

**4b. Consistently aim at confidence.**

**4c. Consistently aim towards Christ.**

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (HCSB)** <sup>1</sup> Therefore since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that lies before us, <sup>2</sup> keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.