

Hebrews III

Chapter 3:

Starts with “therefore”; means that because of the teaching from Ch 1 and 2 that Jesus is superior, chosen by God, died for us, and is High Priest, we need to focus on Him.

Holy brethren: are they really holy? Who are the brethren? Jesus calls us brothers in passage before. We are involved in the Heavenly Calling-comes from Heaven AND leads us to Heaven.

Only place Jesus is called Apostle-sent One. Sent by God. Becomes High Priest-between man and God. Faithful like Moses was.

Moses said a prophet like him would come (Deut 18:15).

Prophets that came after Moses pointed people back to Moses and the Law and toward Messiah. Moses was superior to them. But Messiah superior to Moses.

The One Who is sent has more Glory than Moses. Moses was servant in the house; this One built the house. God builds all things. Jesus is God. Builder applies to Yahweh, therefore Jesus is Yahweh.

Moses was a faithful servant in the house. Greek word means willing servant. Model of Christ as a willing servant and mediator. Moses is a Type.

Moses was a servant in the house but Christ is the Son of the House. We are the house. He is over the house.

V8-11: Psalm 95; Holy Spirit says. Do not be hard hearted. Need to be in the House.

Cannot enter *rest*. In Psalm refers to Canaan. Now refers to Heaven. Need to be in the House.

Believers should encourage one another to prevent any hardening and for encouragement.

Chapter 4 :

Some are penetrated by the Word (Gospel) and some are not. Enter rest by faith. Those who **believe** enter rest.

Israelites in the wilderness lost rest because they were not penetrated by the Word. They did not really believe and trust.

Rest is Canaan ; rest is Heaven; also compared to Sabbath.

There is an ultimate rest for the people of God.

4:12 two-edged sword. Word is dynamically active and able to penetrate. Discerns intents of the heart.

High Priest who has gone through the Heavens. Aaron and the other high priests went through the veil. Jesus passed through the Heavens and represents us before the Father. Mediator and High Priest. I Tim 2:5. Takes government on His shoulders.

V15: Jesus understands our sufferings (we don't understand His.) Faced temptation and resisted; we face and give in. He knows our nature and understands our weaknesses.

Approach the Throne **boldly**. We can get mercy and grace. No separation now!

Levitical high priest:

Blood on Mercy Seat

Jesus as High Priest:

Lamb's Blood on the Throne of God

