

Hebrews 3:1-6- Jesus is Superior to Moses

It doesn't matter how beautiful our exterior, if our foundation isn't built on Jesus then our foundation is not firm and will come crashing down in time.

Moses nor any other "good thing" is not the firm foundation that anyone is to build their lives on.

Moses is certainly a man worthy of respect, but He was never meant to be worshipped. But Jesus is!

"Consider" here means to fix your attention on; to learn and to understand.

When we focus on who Jesus is, we will stay strong in the faith because we will not be distracted by other things.

Overall, Moses showed an amazing faithfulness in his ministry, but Jesus showed a perfect faithfulness.

1. Jesus is Superior in Faithfulness.

Faithful: loyal, steadfast, and true

God is faithful throughout scripture. He the same from Genesis to Revelation.

Jesus is superior in faithfulness because He is God. Faithful is who He is!

Moses did a lot of great things, but make no mistake, it was never Moses' own power, it was always God's.

Man is limited and this is a good thing. It reminds us that we're not God.

Moses was never meant to be the savior to the Israelites, but merely a vessel to point the people to the Savior.

Moses' humanity points us to Jesus: the one who is perfect in faithfulness.

Ultimately our job is the same as Moses', point people to the real Savior with our words and actions.

Jesus is the source of faithfulness.

We must stay connected to the source and as a result it will be reflected in our life.

2. Jesus is Superior in Glory.

Glory: (n) honor or magnificent beauty

Moses' face was shining not because of his glory but God's. It was God's glory that effected his face.

Jesus is superior in glory because it's who he is! He is the source of glory because He is the perfect holy God.

A. Jesus is superior in glory because He is the image of the invisible God.

Jesus is fully God and fully man.

God the Father is invisible, but He's made Himself known by his Son.

B. Jesus is superior in glory because He is the first born over all creation.

This refers to His rank and dominion over all things.

Jesus has priority and superiority over all creation.

C. Jesus is superior in glory because He is preeminent.

This means He is Superior over all.

We cannot boast in anything but Jesus. He is worthy of all glory! He is superior in glory!

Any glory that Moses, or any man receives, is only glory that is due Jesus' name!

3. Jesus is Superior in Building.

Moses was a faithful servant of God's household, but Jesus was the builder of the household.

Jesus is the Superior Builder on which we can trust our lives. He doesn't "build" and then back off. Jesus is the Builder that never leaves!

Jesus is more than just a builder. He is the Master Creator and life Sustainer that holds all things together.

Conclusion

Moses is a hero of the faith.

Moses delivered God's people from physical bondage, but it was Jesus that delivered us from spiritual bondage.

Moses is no Jesus. Moses and no other human are meant to be the firm foundation we're to build lives on.

Jesus is Superior.

Homework Questions

Look back at Hebrews 2:14-18. Why are these verses important to consider as we begin chapter 3?

What does it mean to “share in a heavenly calling?”

How does “considering Jesus” affect our Christian walk?

Why do you think “apostle” and “high priest” were mentioned in this text as we’re looking at Jesus being superior to Moses?

Why do you think first century Jews would have esteemed Moses so highly?

Look at Exodus 2-3. How do you see God’s hand of faithfulness in Moses’ early life?

How did Moses’ early years prepare him for his later years?

How is our own level of faithfulness impacted by our daily time with Jesus?

Read Exodus 34. Describe the scene.

Why was Moses’ face shining?

What truth can we draw from this text that can be applied to our own life?

Read Matthew 3:16. What happened after Jesus’ baptism?

What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

Read Colossians 1:15-17.

What do these verses tell us about Jesus?

Why are these verses crucial to study along with our Hebrews text?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:28-31

What does this text identify as proper boasting? What would be improper boasting and why?

In what ways has Jesus revealed himself as the Master Builder and Creator of all?

In what healthy ways can we view heroes of the faith?

Why is it important to establish that Jesus is superior to Moses?

Personal Reflection Questions

What are some things you have built your life on that you soon realized were a mistake?

How have you tried to be a savior to others? Why is that detrimental to both parties?

How does knowing that Jesus is superior to Moses impact your life?