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FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Hebrews 3:1-6

Intro: Are You Looking Up or Are You Looking Down?

I. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus Because of Who You Are (v.1a)

- A. You have a new self: Jesus has made you “Holy”
 - o ἅγιοι “holy ones”: Christians no longer belong to the world, but Jesus has set you apart for obedience to God (see 2:11)
 - o The real you is the “saint” part (cf. Rom 7:17). How does realizing you’re a saint affect the way you respond to sin in your life?
- B. You have a new family: Jesus has made you his “brothers (and sisters)”
 - o Jesus shares in your suffering as a brother (see 2:11)
 - o In Jesus, you belong to the family of God and are co-heirs with Christ!
- C. You have a new citizenship: Jesus has given you a “heavenly calling”
 - o Through his death, Jesus has secured a place in heaven for you, “the city that has foundations whose designer and builder is God” (Heb 11:10)

***Big Point: Stick with Jesus because you belong with him, not to the things of the world.*

II. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus Because of Who You Are (v.1a)

- A. Jesus is the Bridge Between Us and God (v.1b)
 - o An “Apostle” speaks to men on behalf of God
 - Jesus was an “apostle” first and then sent out the twelve: “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” (John 20:21)
 - o A “High Priest” speaks to God on behalf of Men
- B. Jesus is Greater Than Moses (v.2-6a)
 - o Both Jesus and Moses were faithful to God (v.2)



- Notice how the author praises Moses: “faithful in all God’s House” (echoing Numbers 12:7)
 - This shows that Jesus’ message and Moses’ message (contained in the first 5 books of the Bible) were not contradictory to one another
 - Jesus even said, “For if you believed Moses you would believe me; for he wrote of me” (John 5:45)
- o But Moses was only part of the house, while Christ built the house! (v.3-4)
 - Therefore “Jesus has been counted much more worthy of glory” (v.3)
 - “the house” is a reference to the corporate people of God—Israel in the OT and the Church in the NT (see 3:6b)
 - Moses was *part* of God’s people, but Jesus was the *creator and savior* of God’s people
 - Moses *delivered* the Law, but Jesus *wrote* the Law
 - Moses *pointed toward* the coming Savior, Jesus *is* the Savior!
 - o And Moses was a servant in God’s House, whereas Jesus was the Son over the house! (v.5-6a)
 - Notice the servant is “in” but the Son is “over” the house
 - Analogy from the ancient world: would you treat the household servant with more honor than Son and heir of the household?

C. Implications/Applications

- o Notice there is only one “house” in the Bible—one people of God.
 - It is not as if Moses is part of one house and Jesus part of a separate/different house. It is the same house!
 - Thus the church is viewed here as a continuation of Israel.
- o As followers of Jesus, we are God’s house (v.6b)
 - This means that God dwells in us and among us as his people, the church
 - Key question: Are you a member of a church?



Discussion Groups

1. What things are you distracted by today that are keeping you from looking at Jesus? What attributes of Jesus in this text pull your focus back upon him?

2. How does this passage fix the misconception that Jesus and Moses are opposed to each other? Does it change your identity to know that you are in the same people of God as Moses?

3. Why do you think modern people downplay the importance of the local church? Why do you think church membership is so important in the life of the believer?

