

Bible Study – Hebrews chapter 3:1-6
Jesus greater than Moses

In our last study, we see how Christ is the perfect High Priest and Saviour, as well as being superior to angelic beings. The characteristics of mercy and faithfulness are introduced to the readers, both being present and perfected in Jesus Christ.

In today’s study, we will explore faithfulness in both Moses and in Jesus Christ, how it looks in their lives, and how it can be reflected in our own lives.

Read Hebrews 3:1-6

The writer now expounds on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. He compares the faithfulness of Moses, who was considered the greatest man in Israel’s history, to the faithfulness of Jesus, and makes the case as to why Jesus is superior to even Moses.

Q. What is the broadest definition of an apostle? What is the broadest meaning of the high priest? In the passage, what does the term “our confession” mean?

Q. What are some of Moses accomplishments and characteristics that make him a great man in Israel’s history (cf. Acts 7:36; Numbers 12:6-8)? When the writer talks about “God’s house”, what does it represent in the context of Moses? In Jesus Christ?

Q. The writer comments that a builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. In the chart, match the architect with their buildings:

	Architect	Answer	Buildings
A.	Frank Gehry		JFK Terminal, St. Louis’ Gateway Arch
B.	Frank Lloyd Wright		Montauk Building (Chicago), Flatiron Building (NYC)
C.	Eero Saarinen		The Shard in London, The Whitney Museum (NYC), the Menil Collection (Texas)
D.	Renzo Piano		Guggenheim Museum branch in Bilbao Spain, Disney Hall, Dancing House (Prague)
E.	Daniel Burnham		Falling Water, The Robbie House, the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo

Q. What does faithfulness look like to you? Give examples. How was Moses faithful to God's house (cf. Hebrews 11:27-29)? How is Jesus faithful to God's house? How is Moses' faithfulness different from that of Jesus? When looking at these two examples, does it match with your definition and understanding of what faithfulness is? How is Moses example of faithfulness an encouragement to us to be faithful (Matthew 25:14-30)?

Q. In the latter half of verse 6, the writer encourages his audience to persevere in their faith. Why do you think it is important for us to remain faithful to our calling? How does God's calling for Christians to be faithful in our daily walk a comfort for us?

The writer shows how Jesus is superior to Moses, the greatest man in Jewish history. Moses' great faithfulness and accomplishments to the nation of Israel is why he is held in such high regard. The writer is not diminishing Moses' accomplishments, but rather elevating them. This only makes the faithfulness of Jesus so much more amazing.

The writer is also encouraging his readers to persevere in their faith of Jesus Christ because he is superior to that of Moses and Judaism. This is also a charge to believers today; that faith in Christ is worth persevering in no matter the circumstance you are in today. Knowing that Jesus is faithful in all his promises should give us hope and comfort that our faith in him is justified, which gives us life.