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### Jesus is Greater Than Moses Hebrews 3:1-6

What must it have been like to watch Moses come down from the holy mountain with a radiant, shining face? This was the awesome, confident leader who had faced down Pharaoh and boldly commanded him, "Thus says the Lord, 'Let my people go!" This was the one who had brought awesome and devastating plagues on the whole nation of Egypt... plagues of blood, frogs, flies, gnats, locusts, boils, hail, darkness, and death

This was the man who had led Israel to the brink of the Red Sea and then unafraid faced Pharaoh's enraged army... he had said "Stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord"... then led the Jews through the Red Sea, with the water walling up on the right and on the left... Israel walking through on dry ground... then the one who had unleashed the final destruction on the Egyptian army, crushed by the water of the Red Sea as it came pouring down on their heads

This was the man who had fed Israel with manna from heaven and had struck a rock and had water flow out of the rock to quench Israel's thirst

This was the man who led them to the base of the Mountain of God... Mount Sinai... with its terrifying display of the power and holiness of God... a dark cloud, thunder, lightning, and earthquake, a trumpet blast and the voice of the living God speaking the Ten Commandments

# Exodus 20:2-3 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup>¶ "You shall have no other gods before me.

This was the very one who had climbed up that Mountain and disappeared into the think cloud at its top, and had now returned with the two tablets of stone

### Exodus 34:29-30 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

How great was this man? This giver of the Law of Moses? This terrifying, glorious figure, the greatest man of all Judaism?

He was great... very great!!

But Jesus was infinitely greater... whose glory will not only temporarily cause one man's face to shine, but who will cause all the New Heavens and the New Earth to shine radiantly for all eternity

### I. Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus

- A. The Purpose of this Paragraph
  - 1. The danger the author is addressing
    - a. Jewish people who had made an outward profession of faith in Christ
    - b. That profession is mentioned even in this paragraph

### <sup>ESV</sup> Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession

c. "our confession" = a formal title for those who had made a clear, outward profession of faith in Jesus Christ

### Romans 10:9-10 if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

- d. Probably a link to baptism, when the converts would make a clear public profession of faith in Christ
- e. Now, however, these are Jewish converts who are under tremendous pressure to renounce their faith in Christ and go backward to Old Covenant Judaism
- f. At the center of Old Covenant Judaism is the Law, and the Mediator of the Law was the towering figure of MOSES, the single greatest figure of Judaism
- 2. The Author is comparing Jesus with Moses
  - a. Why? To show the superiority of Jesus to Moses
  - b. It would make NO SENSE to trade Jesus for Moses
  - c. This is especially true when we consider that Moses was merely a servant in God's house, but Jesus is a Son over God's house

- d. This paragraph exists to continue the exhortation of the entire epistle to these Jewish converts under siege to stay close to Jesus and not forsake him to please their Jewish neighbors and relatives and friends and rabbis
- e. More than anything, he wants them to understand WHO THEY ARE in Christ AND to know HOW GREAT CHRIST IS
- B. Understand Who You Are, What You're Called to Be

#### Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling...

- 1. Therefore... ALWAYS LOOK BACKWARD when you come to a "therefore"
  - a. Hebrews 2 proclaimed Jesus as the Captain, Author, Trailblazer of our salvation
  - b. The chapter made the clear proclamation of Jesus as the one who defeated death by crushing Satan... the one who liberated sinners from their captivity to the fear of death
  - c. The chapter ended with the enticing and comforting news that Jesus is a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God... faithful to God, and merciful to suffering sinners like us...

# Hebrews 2:18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- d. THEREFORE... how could any Christian, suffering through a bitter time of temptation, turn AWAY from Jesus?
- e. The real remedy is to draw CLOSER to Jesus, to consider Him more, to call on Him more, to meditate on Him more...

#### 2. Holy Brothers

- a. "holy" = set apart unto God as His precious possession
- b. In the Old Covenant, "Holy to the Lord" was written on things connected with the worship of God, in the Tabernacle
  - i) A golden plate was engraved "Holy to the Lord" and put on the priest's turban... his head was holy to the Lord
  - ii) The annual blood atonement for sin was "Most holy to the Lord"
  - iii) The special blend of incense whose recipe was carefully described in Exodus 30 was holy to the Lord; no Israelite could make any such incense of that recipe and use it for himself

- iv) The Sabbath was set apart as a sacred day, and it was also called "Holy to the Lord"
- c. Above all, the people of God were to be God's holy people, set apart for His personal use; separate from all other nations, and separate also from their wicked ways... HOLY = separate from evil, separated unto God for His prized possession

#### Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

- d. The CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST is "Holy to the Lord" now, set apart from Satan's world, set apart from sin and wickedness, God's treasured possession
- e. "HOLY BROTHERS"... a sacred family, members of the family of God, of the household of God

### *Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household*

#### Hebrews 3:6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house...

- 3. Who Share in a Heavenly Calling
  - a. We Christians SHARE many things together as brothers and sisters in the family of God
  - b. In the early Church, they had "everything in common"... no one claimed that any of His possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had
  - c. Far more significant fellowship, however, is our shared faith, and all the spiritual blessings that come with it... shared Christ, shared adoption, shared Holy Spirit, shared atonement,
  - d. HERE... shared "Heavenly Calling"

# Revelation 11:12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

- i) The call of God toward heaven in the future... coupled with the call of God NOW to live a heavenly, holy, Christ-centered life in this present wicked age
- ii) Philippians, the "upward call of God"

# *ESV* Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

iii) Ephesians call

### <sup>ESV</sup> Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called

The author addresses the church as "Holy brothers who share in the heavenly calling...

Now comes the consistent command of the book, the remedy to all evils

#### C. Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus

#### Hebrews 3:1 fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess

- 1. Again and again the author wants these suffering, persecuted people to think about Jesus
- 2. The entire epistle BEGAN with an extended meditation on the greatness of Jesus... from the very first paragraph,

# Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

a. through the first glorious chapter,

# Hebrews 1:8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

b. and on into chapter 2

### Hebrews 2:9 we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

- 3. Notice: WE SEE JESUS... in Hebrews 2:9
  - a. Here it is "FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON JESUS"; KJV, ESV have "Consider Jesus"

The Greek word implies a deep, diligent, rational and spiritual consideration of Christ... who He is, what He has achieved... BY FAITH, BASED ON THE SCRIPTURE

By this alone can we feed our souls in trials and keep strong in Christ

By this alone can we avoid drifting away from Christ

- Hebrews 2:1 "We must therefore pay more careful attention to what we have heard so that we do not drift away"
  - b. Hebrews 12:2
- Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
  - c. Hebrews 12:3

### Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- D. The Apostle
  - 1. The Author of Hebrews lifts up two designations of Christ: Apostle and High Priest
  - 2. An Apostle is someone sent with a authoritative message from a King: a legate, messenger, Ambassador, public messenger
  - 3. Christ was SENT from God the Father to speak as His Final Word
  - 4. Jesus is the "SENT ONE"

### John 10:36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and <u>sent</u> <u>into the world</u>?

Greek verb is "apostello"... from which we get the word "Apostle"

Jesus came into the world, sent by the Father with an authoritative message:

# Hebrews 1:1-2 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son

#### John 8:28 Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

Jesus was sent into the world as God's Apostle to speak His words, to represent Him authoritatively

- E. The High Priest
  - 1. This is the first place in the Bible that speaks of Christ's ministry as High Priest

- 2. No book in the Bible develops this theme as clearly and powerfully as does the Book of Hebrews
- 3. We will find out later that Jesus is the final and perfect High Priest, who offered Himself up for the sins the of the people; the one who is BOTH priest and King in the order of Melchizedek
- F. Faithful to the One Who Appointed Him
  - 1. Jesus was perfectly faithful to God, the one who had appointed Him to be His Apostle and High Priest
  - 2. To be faithful means to do precisely what the King wants you to do, doing all of it, and leaving nothing undone that was commanded
  - 3. Jesus Christ was perfectly faithful to His Father who appointed Him

### John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

# John 14:31 the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

II. Moses Was Faithful in God's House

### Hebrews 3:2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

- A. God's Testimony About Moses: He Was Faithful
  - 1. God had called Moses to go back to Pharaoh and deliver the Jews out of Egypt; Moses did that with great faith and great courage
  - 2. Moses boldly confronted Pharaoh with all ten of the plagues... commanding again and again, "Thus says the Lord, 'Let my people go!" God used Moses to do mighty signs and wonders
  - 3. Moses led the Jews boldly out of Egypt during the first Passover; then led the people through the Red Sea with great courage and boldness
  - 4. Moses was used by God to provide manna from the sky and water from the rock, daily miracles that kept Israel alive in the desert
  - 5. Moses led the Jews to Mount Sinai and received from the finger of God the tablets on which the Ten Commandments had been written
  - 6. Moses gave to the Jews the Law, the first five books of the Bible—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

- 7. When the faithless unbelieving Jews refused to enter the promised land, Moses also shepherded the fractious nation through their desert for forty years... nursing them through all their issues like a wetnurse caring for a toddler
- B. Moses Revered in Judaism
  - 1. God appeared to Moses in the flames of the burning bush and chose him as the leader of His people
  - 2. Moses had done supernatural miracles like no one else in Jewish history
  - 3. Moses was the one to whom God had spoken face to face
- Exodus 24:1-2 Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, <sup>2</sup> but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."
- Exodus 33:7-11 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. <sup>8</sup> And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. <sup>9</sup> As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. <sup>10</sup> Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent. <sup>11</sup> The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.
  - 4. God's Testimony About Moses: Numbers 12
    - a. When Aaron and Miriam began to speak against Moses and say the Lord had spoken as much through them as through him, God made a clear distinction
- Numbers 12:4-8 At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, <sup>6</sup> he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. <sup>7</sup> But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. <sup>8</sup> With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"
  - 5. When Moses would speak with God then return to the Jews, his whole face shone radiantly with the absorbed glory of God

- 6. In generations to come, Jews would revere Moses as the greatest figure of their history
- 7. Moses was especially revered by God as the giver of the Law: the author of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
- 8. Jews in Jesus' day clearly spoke of their reverence of Moses

In John 9, when Jesus healed a man born blind, the Jewish leaders insulted this man:

#### John 9:28-29 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!<sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

9. Stephen was martyred in part because he had blasphemed Moses! Amazing because the Jews themselves had spoken of stoning Moses!!

#### Acts 6:11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God."

- C. Moses Mediated the Old Covenant
  - 1. This is the exact reason why the Author is mentioning Moses
  - 2. The Old Covenant was called the "Law of Moses"
  - 3. Jesus Christ came to give us a higher way

# John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- 4. Jewish Christians who were tempted to renounce Christ and go back to Judaism were especially choosing Moses over Jesus
- 5. This choice was utterly FOOLISH

### III. Jesus is Greater than Moses as a Son is Greater Than a Servant

A. The Author Compares Jesus to Moses

### Hebrews 3:3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

- 1. To strike at the heart of this foolish move by Jewish Christians to go back to Moses and the Old Covenant, the Author directly compares the greatness of Jesus
- 2. His motive is to elevate the greatness of Jesus without in any way denigrating Moses

- B. Moses was Greater Than Any Other Prophet
  - 1. All the prophets who were sent to Israel were merely covenant lawyers, prosecuting attorneys, pressing the claims of God on a rebellious nation of Israel
  - 2. But Moses was the original spokesman for God to the people, the Law the prophets preached to Israel came from God through Moses
  - 3. So Moses was greater than any of the prophets in the history of Israel
  - 4. He had greater experiences with God, seeing God's glory face to face;

### Numbers 12:6-8 "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. <sup>7</sup> But this is not true of my servant Moses; <u>he is faithful in all my house</u>. <sup>8</sup> With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD.

- 5. He saw God's glory, both in the flames of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai
- 6. He achieved more than any other prophet... with the Ten Plagues and the awesome Red Sea crossing... for the most part, the miracles of Elijah or Elisha are like so many tiny parlor tricks compared to what Moses did
- 7. He wrote the foundational books of the Bible
- C. But Moses Still Merely a House Servant
  - 1. The Author reiterates Moses' faithfulness
  - 2. BUT he also highlights his status as merely a house-servant

# Hebrews 3:5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.

- 3. Moses was revealed as a faithful servant AND prophet, who testified to what would be said in the future
- 4. BUT Jesus was the TOPIC of the words of Moses... it was about Jesus that Moses wrote
- John 5:45-47 "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"
- Luke 24:25-27 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all

### the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

D. Jesus is Worthy of Greater Honor Than Moses

# Hebrews 3:3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

- 1. Moses is certainly worthy of honor as a faithful servant in God's house
- 2. BUT Jesus deserves infinitely greater honor than Moses
- 3. Moses was merely a created being... but Jesus IS the creator
- 4. In verse three, Moses is portrayed as the HOUSE ITSELF, (actually later it will be clear that all God's people are the house)... but Jesus is the builder of the house

#### Hebrews 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

- 5. Moses was "built" by God... but Hebrews has already told us that everything God made was made THROUGH JESUS... and it was Jesus who UPHELD everything as well, including Moses
- 6. If we look carefully at Moses' life, it was in fact JESUS HIMSELF (as the angel of the Lord) who appeared to Moses in the flames of the burning bush
- 7. It was JESUS HIMSELF who led the Israelites as the angel of the Lord through the Red Sea and the desert
- 8. It was JESUS HIMSELF who was the rock from which the water flowed

# 1 Corinthians 10:3-4 They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

- 9. Moses gave the Jews manna to eat, but Jesus is the true bread of God
- John 6:32-35 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." <sup>35</sup> ¶ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
  - 10. So Jesus has greater honor than Moses because He is the builder of everything... the people of God are in the end the BODY OF CHRIST
  - E. Jesus is the Builder of God's House

F. Jesus is a Son Over God's House

# Hebrews 3:5-6 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house.

1. This refers to the authority Jesus has compared to Moses

2. Moses was merely a messenger, a spokesman, a servant in God's house

3. But Jesus is the only begotten Son of God

### Matthew 17:1-8 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

Jesus is the Son of God... not equal to Moses, not equal to Elijah... INFINITELY GREATER THAN BOTH!!! God the Father speaks of Him as His Son, and tells us simply this: Listen to Him

IV. We Are God's House, If...

A. The House Wasn't the Tabernacle or the Temple

- 1. The Tabernacle of Moses was an earthly shadow of the true reality... a heavenly place where God dwells perfectly with man
- 2. Moses was shown a pattern for the Tabernacle on Mt. Sinai and got the instructions for building the tent where God and Man would meet
- 3. BUT God's house is not a mere structure, cloths walls, standards, bases, curtain rings, etc.
- B. God's House = God's People

### Hebrews 3:6 Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

1 Peter 2:4-5 As you come to him, the living Stone-- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

C. If...

# Hebrews 3:6 And <u>we are his house</u>, <u>IF</u> we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

- 1. The author makes it plain that the Jewish professors of faith in Christ had to CONTINUE in their profession
- 2. They had made that initial profession, probably testified to it by baptism
- 3. But now, they were being tempted to forsake their profession of Christ and go back to Moses
- 4. Again and again Hebrews urges that we have to CONTINUE in the Christian life
- D. Hold Firmly to Our Courage and Hope
  - 1. Courage = boldness...
    - a. They were being strongly tempted to FEAR
    - b. Afraid of persecution... afraid of losing their possessions... afraid of being imprisoned, afraid of societal rejection
    - c. The Author urges them to hold on to their BOLDNESS in Christ

# Hebrews 3:14 We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

d. Boldness to approach the throne of grace, as he will say later

# Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

e. But also boldness to face their opposers unafraid

Like Peter and John in front of the High Priest and his wicked family:

- Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."
- Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

f. To shrink back in fear means they have lost their faith JUST LIKE their Jewish forbears who through unbelief refused to enter the Promised Land

#### Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

# Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

2. Hope

a. The future glory of a Kingdom that would someday be theirs

b. Living for a city and a country that was their true home

c. This is HOPE

### Hebrews 11:13-16 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country-- a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

- V. Applications
  - A. Come to Christ
    - 1. Jesus was faithful to God's mission... dying on the cross for our sins
    - 2. Jesus will be faithful to save you right to the end by praying for you
    - 3. Trust in Him today!! There is NO OTHER SAVIOR
  - B. Understand how Great Jesus is... Greater than Moses
    - 1. Moses had a great calling... the angel of the Lord spoke to Moses from the flames of a burning bush... but Jesus IS the Angel of the Lord who spoke to Moses and called Himself the I AM
    - 2. Moses was a great leader, leading the Jews from bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land... Jesus is greater than Moses, leading us from bondage to sin into heaven
    - 3. Moses was a great miracle worker, turning the Nile into blood, assaulting Egypt with flies, locusts, gnats, boils, hail, darkness and death... Jesus brings

LIFE... raising Jairius' daughter and Lazarus, healing the man born blind, cleaning lepers, driving out demons

- 4. Moses was a great provider, giving the people manna from heaven and water from the rock... but Jesus IS the true bread that came down from heaven which we will eat and live forever; Jesus IS the living water, which we will drink and be satisfied forever
- 5. Moses was a great prophet and writer of Scripture... but Jesus IS the word of God, the topic of all of Moses' writings
- C. Worship Christ Today
  - 1. Consider Him... think about Him... Fix your thoughts on Jesus
  - 2. You may not be tempted to go to Judaism... but you are ALWAYS tempted to drift away from Him
  - 3. The only remedy is to think much about Christ, pray to Him more, swim in the sea of His grace... consider Him... fix your thoughts on Him
- D. Embrace Your Heavenly Calling
  - 1. God has called us to a holy life through the High Priestly Ministry of Jesus
  - 2. We are "Holy to the Lord"... let us live holy lives as a result
  - 3. Let us not forsake our courage or our hope
  - 4. Let us fight sin by the power of the Holy Spirit