

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 3:1-11

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 3:1-11

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 1** Therefore, holy brothers, [...] **consider** Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,  
[you who share in a heavenly calling,]  
**2** who was faithful to him who appointed him,  
just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.  
**3** For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—  
as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.  
**4** (For every house is built by someone,  
but the builder of all things is God.)  
**5** Now Moses was faithful in all God's house  
as a servant,  
to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,  
**6** but Christ is faithful over God's house  
as a son.  
And we are his house,  
if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.  
**7** Therefore,  
as the Holy Spirit says,  
“TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,  
**8** **DO NOT HARDEN** YOUR HEARTS  
AS IN THE REBELLION,  
ON THE DAY OF TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
**9** WHERE YOUR FATHERS PUT ME TO THE TEST  
AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS  
**10** THEREFORE I WAS PROVOKED WITH THAT GENERATION,  
AND SAID, ‘THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART;  
THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.’  
**11** AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,  
‘THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.’”

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1. The writer begins chapter 3 with the word “Therefore”. How is this week’s passage related to what has come before? How does this passage advance the argument of the previous two chapters?
2. What word is repeated several times in the first six verses? What theme is the author emphasizing by repeating that word so often?
3. How does the author refer to his readers in the beginning of verse 1 and why is this significant?
4. What does the author mean by “heavenly calling”? What is it that the author and the readers share?
5. Who must we consider, according to verse 1? Given the context of the letter, why might the author be urging this?

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6. What is the force and weight behind the word “consider” used here?
7. To whom was Jesus faithful? Recount some ways in which Jesus was faithful.
8. To whom is Jesus compared in verse 2? Why would this comparison have been salient to the original readers?
9. Why should we consider Jesus, according to verse 3?
10. Why do you think that the author chose to make the comparison between Jesus and Moses, instead of some other OT figure?
11. What analogy does the author use to compare the glories of both Jesus and Moses? Who represents each party in the analogy?

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12. How does recognizing Jesus as having more glory than Moses help you to consider Jesus more this week?

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13. How does verse 4 connect to the verses we studied yesterday?

14. Why are we to consider Jesus instead of someone like Moses?

15. Though we likely do not listen to the voice of Moses, what other good voices do we consider and focus on instead of listening to the ultimate voice of Jesus?

16. What does verse 5 call Moses? How does this reflect his place in contrast to Jesus?

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17. What are the “things that were to be spoken later”? What does it mean that Moses testified to them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. How is Christ referred to in verse 5? Where have we heard this sort of language before in this book?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. There have been numerous references to “God’s house” in the preceding verses. According to verse 6, who is “God’s house?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. What is the evidence that we belong to the household of God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. Consider the personal and serious tone of v. 6b – why does the author speak this way?

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22. As you consider all you've read in the first six verses, what is the author's main exhortation here? What is the main point he wants to get across?

❖ Day 3

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23. Verse 7 starts with a "therefore". How is what follows tied to what we read yesterday?
24. To whom does the author credit the words of this OT quotation from Psalm 95?
25. Read Psalm 95 in its entirety. What is the function of the author using this psalm here in Hebrews 3?
26. Psalm 95:8 recalls the Israelites' actions in Exodus 17:1-7. Read that passage. How did they harden their hearts in that passage?

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27. Psalm 95:10-11 recalls the LORD's vow in Numbers 14:21-35. Read that passage. What did the LORD decree? What act of disobedience provoked the LORD make such an oath?
28. Given the context of the Psalm 95 passage, what are the implications for us today? Why is it so crucial that we consider Jesus?
29. How do we go about this task of "holding fast our confidence"?" How are we sustained in the Christian life?
30. What are your major takeaways from this week's passage? What stuck out to you as warranting more reflection and consideration?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would be a people who hold fast to our confidence in Christ. Pray that we would delight in being His inheritance and possession and not distracted by the voices within and without that would cause us to drift from the truth. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to consider Jesus, fixing our eyes on Him alone.