

DISCUSSION IDEAS  
**JESUS SUPERIOR TO MOSES**  
HEBREWS 3:1-6

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Remember the importance of context in understanding anything written?

To whom was the message of Hebrews written?

What was happening to these folks as they left their previous religious teachings and turned to Jesus?

Note that in our modern world, "religion" is treated as a personal preference, not as ultimate TRUTH. Not so in the time when this message was written.

These people were not just tempted to return to some form of religious worship or some type of "church". What was the real temptation for them?

How deeply did a decision to turn back impact their view of WHO God IS?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: HOW IMPORTANT WAS MOSES TO THE JEWS?**

Remember who received the Law? Look up exodus 24:15-18 and 31:18.

What did God Himself say about Moses in Numbers 12:4-8?

If this was your heritage, how would you react to being told that your hero was less important than this newly preached Redeemer?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: IN WHAT WAY IS JESUS SUPERIOR TO MOSES?**

Read through Heb. 3:1-6.

Remembering that Moses was the first High Priest of Israel, what are the titles given to Jesus in verse 1?

In John 1:17, what message from God did Moses bring, and what did Jesus bring?

Moses, in the initial purification and consecration of Aaron, served as the High Priest. How did Jesus serve as High Priest? Look at Heb. 9:13 and 10:11-14.

In verse 2, in what way was Jesus faithful to God, in similarity to Moses?

Look at Phil. 2:8.

Moses was faithful in all God's house (the "House of Israel"). According to v. 4, who built that "house"?

What does Heb. 1:2 say about Who is the Creator of all things? Compare this to 3:4. Compare John 1:3.

What does 3:5 call Moses? Compare that to what Jesus is called in v. 6.

Think about the difference in the position of these two men.

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♦ **POINT TO PONDER: WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE, IF...**

Look at verse 6, "...whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end".

In the message on Sunday, several theological attempts to interpret this "if" were discussed.

All of them tied the word "house" to people in possession of salvation from hell.

All of these positions are inconsistent with other passages of Scripture.

Keeping the given example in its context, what was the house in which Moses was faithful?

Whose house was that?

Did that "house" receive the promise of inheriting a land of their own? They suffered loss, but they did not lose their membership among the people of God.

What was the house in which Jesus was faithful?

Since the rest of Scripture teaches that we have a secure membership in God's family, and

since the Word does speak of discipline for rebellious believers (1 John 5:16-17 and 1 Cor. 5:1-5),

what do we as believers stand to lose if we rebel?

Are there real consequences?

What did Israel of Moses' day, and even Moses himself, lose?

Compare all this to the Judgment Seat of Christ in 2 Cor. 5:10. Note the words "whether good or bad".

Look at what 1 Cor. 3:12-15 says about consequences for believers.

Even though we are saved, what do we stand to lose if we live in disobedience?