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The Uniqueness of Jesus Hebrews 3

The argument concerning Jesus' significance is a bit different in Hebrews 3. While Jesus' inherent greatness is able to be seen in prophecy and precept, it is also seen when He is placed alongside great figures of history. In this chapter of Hebrews, the importance of Jesus is seen in comparison to Moses.

There are many qualities of Moses that are noteworthy — He was humble (Numbers 12.3), He was brave (Exodus 7.16ff), He was supportive (Luke 9.31). But out of all of Moses' qualities, the Holy Spirit chose to emphasize the faithfulness of Moses (Hebrews 3.2).

As an aside, perhaps faithfulness is not the quality we would think of to define Moses. After all, we find Moses failing to lead his family (Exodus 4.24-26) and being prohibited from entering the promised land because of his sin (Numbers 20.7-13). Perhaps this should be a lesson for us, then, of the remarkable power and scope of God's forgiveness — forgiveness to such a degree that Moses is a paragon of faithfulness. What great

things God is able to accomplish through those who serve Him!

Back to our main point, though — as faithful as Moses was, Jesus was faithful in a greater way. While Moses was faithful as a servant in God's house (Hebrews 3.2), Jesus is counted "worthy of more glory than Moses" because Jesus is the builder of God's house (3.3,6). Echoing the thought of Hebrews 1-2, the implication in Hebrews 3.3-4 seems to be that Jesus is the Son of God.

And because Jesus is greater than Moses, attention ought to be given to His message. Indeed, we see this being a repeated theme in Hebrews — Jesus, by virtue of His nature, work, and life, ought to be heard and obeyed. In chapter 3, the Holy Spirit would communicate that idea in this way: "We are [Christ's house] if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end... Hear his voice" (3.6-7).

Why ought we hear Jesus' voice? Because in so doing, we find hope (3.6) draw near to God (3.12), share in Christ (3.14), and find a source of confidence (3.14). Truly, Jesus is unique, providing for man what Moses never could. -TS

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