

Title: Who Built Your House?

Text: 3:3-6

Take your Bible and turn, please, to Hebrews chapter 3. And we will begin where we left off last Sunday. Hebrews chapter 3 beginning at Vs 3.....

(Read 3:3-6)

Prayer

Hebrews is concerned with the Person and work of Jesus Christ. And the first 7 chapters of this book is dealing with the authority of Christ over all things. We examined his authority over angels. We are now examining his authority over Moses and the house of Israel. This is the subject of chapter 3 and chapter 4.

In examining the authority of Christ over Moses and the house of Israel, we started last week with a comparison between Jesus and Moses. And in this comparison we looked at the meaning of the word "consider." This is the key word in this text. We are told ^{in Vs 1} to "consider Jesus." As you will remember the word "consider" means "to give serious attention." You see, we are not just to give a passing glance at Jesus. It is not just one look and then to go on our merry way..Oh, no....we are to give serious attention, it is a mental consideration, to Jesus.

Also, in this comparison we notice that this ^{encouragement} ~~exhortation~~ was given to Christians who are called Holy Brethren and partakers of the heavenly calling....

Now, in Vs 2, Jesus is called faithful to God in the same way that Moses and his house was faithful to God. ^{Paul} is saying, "Listen, Jesus was faithful to God just like Moses was faithful in all of his relationship with God. Both were the same in that.

But, it is from this point on that we see the difference as to why Jesus is greater than the greatest man in Jewish history, namely Moses. And there is some real important principles that we as believers need to learn and apply to our lives.

(2D) ^{-vs 3-6} Now, these verse give to us the reasons why Jesus is greater than Moses. And there are three lines of evidences or three arguments....

(1E) First of all, in his prominence.

And the prominence of Jesus over Moses is indicated by the phrases "worthy of more glory than Moses"...Vs 3.

The question is: WHY IS HE SO PROMINENT?...Simple statement: he now after stating that Moses and Christ were both faithful, now he is making a statement, "~~2~~" but Christ is more prominent." He is worthy of more glory than Moses....why?.....

This is based on two things.....

(1F) One, it is based on his ~~only~~ involvement in building the house in which both of them are said to be faithful. Watch this carefully.....

Vs 3.."For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house."

Every house is being built by some man. The word "built" is in the present tense meaning that "it is continuing to be built." This means that Christ was not only involved in the design of this house.....(and I haven't explained what the house is, yet, but I will) ..Christ was not only responsible for the design of this house, but he is also the contractor and supervisor of the project. He is doing it. He is continually building the house. *It is an ongoing process.*

WHAT IS THE HOUSE? The house is God's family....In the O.T. it is the Jews. The household of God. The family of God.

Now, it is Jew and Gentile in the body of Christ the church. All of us are a part. O.T. and N.T. are a part of God's house, his family. Christ is part of the house. Moses is part of the house.

Now, the teaching here that Christ is worthy of more glory because, first of all, he is the one who is continually building the house. Moses isn't building the house, friends.....Moses is a member of the household.

SOFTLY Jesus, when he gave his great teaching on the future church that he was going to establish, said in Matthew 16:18: "I will be building my church. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Who is going to be building the family of God?...Who is going to be establishing the great household of God in which God dwells?.....

Jesus is building it....Not Moses.....Therefore, Jesus is worthy more glory.....Let me just illustrate it....

Who is more important in the construction of your home? The guy who built it...or...the guy who lives in it.....

Naturally, the guy who built it. If he didn't built it, you wouldn't be living ~~in~~ it, right?.....

So, ~~He~~ is more important in terms of the construction of the house than you are. That is what is being said here.

(2F) But, there is a second thing involved here. His prominence is not only based on his personal involvement in the construction of this house, but, also, it is based upon his ~~identity~~ identity, as the one who builds all things, Who in this ~~text~~ text is stated to be God.....~~He~~

Now, follow this carefully.....Especially for those of you who like to witness to those people who come by two's to your door. You know, those ~~people~~ people with the name J.W.....Follow this carefully.....

Vs 3..."For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."

There isn't a finer text in the Bible to prove the deity of Jesus Christ....Who is Jesus?.....He who built the house.....Who is he?.... The text says he is God. That is why he is more prominent and worthy of more glory than even the great Moses, himself. God manifested in the flesh. Here is a testimony to the deity of Christ. *Prune The Seed - Amen*

(2E.) Now, the second way in which we see that Christ is greater than Moses is in his position in the house. In his position.

Notice, first of all, in the case of Moses. How does he ~~stand~~ stand in that house? Vs 5..."Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant. Look at Vs 6..."but Christ was faithful as a son over His house."

~~Do you want to know why?~~ Notice Moses was in the house. While Christ is over the house. So, in terms of position Jesus is greater than Moses. Moses is simple in the house. A member of the family of God. Was he great?...YES...Praise the lord he was a great leader. And God used him. But, he was merely a member of the family of God. That is all. He was a servant. Not the son. A servant....NOW WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

A servant not only did not build the house, he doesn't own the house, and he is not going to get anything out-off that house, He simply does what the Lord of the house requires.....

But, a son...and the word used here for son refers to the heir..the inheritance. A son is going to get all the house. It belongs to him, completely. Moses was only a member. The house did not belong to him. Also, he fulfilled the role of the servant to ~~who~~^{whom} ever owned the house. The Bible says that Jesus not only built the house, but he is over the house as to position. And he is the son to whom all of the household is given. Isn't that ~~big~~ tremendous?....

Man, it doesn't take to much if you are a believer to put that package together. Jesus is exalted above everthing. And he is what the whole ball game is about. He is building the household. ^{and} He is still building it.

Some of you if you come to believe in Jesus Christ this morrowing and you become born again by the Spirit of God, welcome to the family. You are now part of the household that Jesus is continuing To build. And he is over it. In all of the illustrations of the church, Jesus is the head. He is lord, master. If you want to know what this thing is about being a christian, it is a follower of Jesus. It is submission to Jesus as Lord of Lords and King of kings. It is deciding that I will follow him where ever he leads me. What ever he wants. He is over the house, in contrast to Moses who is only a servant in the house.

(3E). Now, the third way in which we see Christ greater than moses is in his possesssions. A tremendous point that Paul adds in vs 6...

Paul writes: but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house."

Now, here is the phrase that is exciting. "whose house we are."

and He owns us.... You see, if you are, up to this point, not sure that Paul is talking about Jesus being over the house, well there is no mistake now. Christ is the son over his own house. WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE....

He is talking about believers. And we now belong to him. And he built us. He is over us. He is the ~~only~~ ^{only} one to whom we owe all of our alligence, our devotion, our dedication, our submission. He is worthy to receive all praise, honor, and glory.

There are two things here that I want you to understand about Christ possession, namely us, as being a part of the household of Christ, ~~and that~~ ^{which} is great to know.

and Some of you seat there Sunday after Sunday and say: "Do I ever really have a ministry? Am I really worthy anything?" You know, you come an attend. And you know Christ.....Well here it is....It is great to know that the Great Moses...the man used by God to led the Children of Israel out-off bondage....the gdreat law giver...has nothing over you.... Just stop and think about that for a moment. You are in the same house with Moses. He is just a servant. You are just a servant..That is all. God uses people in different ways. But,listen, you are in the house together. No one owns the house but Jesus.

You see, in him there is neither Jew or Gentile, Male or female, bond or free, all are one in Jesus Christ. He owns the house. ~~And/He/~~

But this being part of His house is based upon two things....Vs 6... (1F) First, it is based on boldness.

He says, "~~if~~ ^{if} we hold fast the confidence!" That is the world "boldness". WHAT BOLDNESS? What does that mean? Paul uses that word all the time.

Boldness was used of the Roman man who stood before the Roman Seanate when he was under investigation. And he was going to appear before the seanate, but he knew that he had all the answers. And he walked in there with complete freedom of speeah, complete boldiness. He knew exactly what he was going to say....

And he defense attorney would say: "boy you have boldness today."

And he would wlk up before the Senate with complete freedom, with great assurance.

The Bible says, you are part of God's family, if you hold fast the boldness, the assurance. Now, remind yourself that Paul is writting to Jewish believers who are tempted to go back to the safe haven of Judiasm. Is he talking about losing your salvation?....NO....He is talking about whether or not you got it.....Do you really have it?.....If you heally have it there is nothing to be afraid of. Just like standing in front of the Roman Senate. Nothing to be ~~a~~ afraid of....

And the little phrase "hold fast" is interesting. A lot of people say that means that we are suppose to hold on to Christ because if you ever let go, man, you are finished.....RIGHT?.....WRONG.....

It is not talking about continuing to whole fast. It doesn't even use that tense. It means in a moment of time.....It is refering to salvation.

"If you"....and the "if" means "maybe you will and maybe you willn't". It depends on whether you have or not. *A mental decision to or*
A mental decision not to

So, Paul is trying to make those people, this Jewish group, decide one way or another. Are you part of God's family or aren't you..... After all, if you go back to Judism you are only deminstrating that you have lost sight of who Jesus is. If you hold fast, point in time, really accepted, the boldness. THE BOLDNESS ABOUT WHAT?...The person, Jesus. The whole context. Do you have assurance as to who Jesus is? If you do, you have nothing to worry about. No matter if persecution comes or what ever. Have you got boldness about Jesus? Are you assured of who he is? Have you agreed to who he is? Then you will have boldness...You see.....

(2F) But this possession is also based upon "boasting" according to this passage. It says "if we hold fast our confidence and the boast."

Now, what are we to boast about? ..."OUR HOPE"...."OUR HOPE"...

Now what is Paul talking about here?.....Again, Jesus.....

In Colossians 1:27 it says that Christ in you is the hope of glory.

Christ is our hope, says the Bible.

Now, once again. Are you firmly convinced about who Jesus is? If you are, then you have boldness so there is nothing to be afraid of. ~~Nothing to be afraid of at all.~~

And if you do have it, then ^{" "}boast about it....

Now, people don't like this. They say you shouldn't go around boasting....Right?.....It just sounds bad to be boastful.... ^{IT IS WRAY TO Boast about self but not Jesus}

Do you know how many times Paul said to boast? ^{Man, He} did it all the time. In fact he wrote one whole letter just to tell christians how to boast....Boasting in Paul's motivation is just a quite confidence in your heart. You are not really worried about anything. You are just prasing the Lord. And you know where you are going. AND you know who Jesus is. And there is nothing to be afraid of anymore.....

And you know, when that joy gver takes someones life, then they get boastful about it.....

You know, people try to scare you about what is going to happen in the future, with high inflation and war in Iran. (And you hear all of this, but your confidence is in the Lord and his sovereign will and his control and his love. You see, your confidence is in the lord and not in the circumstance of life.....And you boast about it....Right.....Because it is based on assurance that you are in God's family. And thus there isn't anything to worry about.

Now, some of you live your life in fear....You live by the pressures of your life....You live by the circumstances of your life....^{By your anchors} They control you....they dominate your thinking.....They motivate your actions....

People examine yourself....Lay hold of the assurance of who Jesus is. And boast about the hope which is yours through Jesus Christ...You see, he is in control....^{General Hall} Put your eyes on Jesus....Let Jesus motivate you.... Let Jesus dominate your thinking....DO YOU REALLY KNOW JEUS?....

Let us pray