The Book of Hebrews—Chapter 3

# obedience follows faith

Introduction:

* Chapters 1 and 2 Jesus is superior to the Angels
	+ Jesus is the exact image of God
	+ Jesus is the eternal Son of God
	+ Jesus is the eternal God the Son
	+ Jesus became a man to restore man to his place of dominion ship in the future kingdom
	+ Jesus restored those who would believe in Him by making propitiation for sin of His people
* Now Chapter 3 Jesus is superior to Moses and the Law
	+ Moses was faithful as a servant
	+ Jesus is faithful as the Son
	+ You be faithful as His people

**Hebrews 3:1-19 (NKJV)**
1  Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,
2  who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house.
3  For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.
4  For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.
5  And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward,*
6  but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.
7  Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: *"Today, if you will hear His voice,*
8  *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,* *In the day of trial in the wilderness,*
9  *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,* *And saw My works forty years.*
10  *Therefore I was angry with that generation,* *And said, 'They always go astray in their heart,* *And they have not known My ways.'*
11  *So I swore in My wrath,* *'They shall not enter My rest.' "*
12  Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;
13  but exhort one another daily, while it is called *"Today,"* lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
14  For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,
15  while it is said: *"Today, if you will hear His voice,* *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*
16  For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses?
17  Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
18  And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?
19  So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

* **Jesus is above Moses**
	+ 1  Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,
	2  who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house.

		- Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest
		- Moses was faithful
		- Jesus is Faithful
	+ 3  For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.
	4  For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.

		- Jesus has more glory than Moses because Jesus built the house
		- Moses was a servant
		- What is the house?
		- The house in the Greek means household

			* Talking about the family of God
			* Jesus is building His kingdom
			* We are in the Church age so it is referring to the Church
			* What is the Church?

				+ Not a building
				+ People
				+ Jew and Gentile
				+ Saved by the Grace of God
				+ Placed into one body or one unit or one family
				+ Jesus is faithfully building the Family of God
				+ The Church is the means in which God is evangelizing the World
				+ The Church is operated by Jesus through His messengers the Pastors or elders
				+ They teach the Word and give direction to God’s people
				+ The Pastor’s are God’s spokesmen in this day and age
				+ They are called men equipped by God to do the job
				+ 2 ordinances of the Church

Baptism

Lord’s table

* + - * + God’s people are commanded not to forsake the assembly
				+ Every Lord’s Day we gather for the instruction of the Word of God

**Acts 2:42 (NKJV)**
42  And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

* + 5  And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward,*
	6  but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

		- Moses was faithful, but he was a servant
		- Moses testify of the truth of what God said
		- But Christ is the Son
		- He owned it all
		- He was greater than the servant
		- He is over the household
		- We are all servants to the King
		- He rules
		- We follow
		- The word if is a particle that means since
		- Those who are saved will show that reality by persevering to the end
		- Since you know the Lord you will continue with Him
		- Not to continue with Him is saying you never knew Him
		- Our Hope in Christ is firm

			* It is true
			* It is real
			* It causes us to rejoice
			* To Exult in the hope of Christ
			* To rejoice in Him

* 7  Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: *"Today, if you will hear His voice,*

8  *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,* *In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

9  *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,* *And saw My works forty years.*

10  *Therefore I was angry with that generation,* *And said, 'They always go astray in their heart,* *And they have not known My ways.'*

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12  Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

13  but exhort one another daily, while it is called *"Today,"* lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

	+ The writer of Hebrews is quoting from **Psalm 95:6-11**
	6  Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
	7  For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:
	8  "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness,
	9  When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work.
	10  For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, And said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'
	11  So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

		- This event is recorded in **Exodus 17:1-7 (NKJV)** 1  Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink.
		2  Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"
		3  And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
		4  So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"
		5  And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.
		6  Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
		7  So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
	+ What is the point so far?

		- Jesus is greater than Moses because Jesus is the Son of the Owner of the Building(the Church, Jesus is the Builder as well)
		- Moses was God’s servant
		- Moses built the Tabernacle in the wilderness
		- Jesus is the Living and True Tabernacle
		- Jesus tabernacle among His people in His body
		- He is to be worshipped
		- He is the Presence of God
		- He is the Shekinah glory of God
		- Therefore, do not hardened your heart toward Him
		- Follow Him
		- Love Him
		- Then you will find rest
		- Rest for:
			* Your soul
			* Your body, mind, spirit
		- Rest for eternity
			* That is your Hope
			* We have Hope in Christ that we will finally find rest from our sins
		- Christ does for us what the Law could not do
		- We have Grace in Christ
		- Salvation
		- Rest
	+ Do not harden your heart so that you can enter into His rest
* 14  For we have become partakers of Christ **if we hold** the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

	+ If is since “Since you are holding on you are partakers with Christ
	+ Partaker
	+ Share
	+ You share with Christ all that He is and has
	+ You do not become God or a god, but you are partakers of a new nature
	+ You share in His righteousness because He imputes it to you
	+ You are partakers of His body, the bride, the Church
	+ We have the communion of the saints
	+ We have common goals and common love
* 15  while it is said: *"Today, if you will hear His voice,* *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

	+ So don’t hardened your heart
	+ Hear Him
	+ How do I hear from God?
	+ Read His Word
	+ Devour His word
	+ You hear from God as you study His Word

* 16  For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses?
	+ Led by the greatest prophet ever and still they hardened their hearts
* 17  Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

	+ God was angry with them because of their unbelief which led them to disobedience
	+ Unbelief is the worst of sins
* 18  And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

	+ Not believing or trusting what God says always leads to disobedience

* 19  So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

	+ Enter into His rest by Faith.
	+ Scripture presents five rests:
		- (1) creation rest
		- (2) entrance into Canaan
		- (3) the rest of salvation and of living daily for Christ
		- (4) the rest of consecration
		- (5) heaven
			* Rest of fully trusting God, not only for salvation but for daily living.
	+ This rest is all by Grace, so we have to simply Trust God for the rest.
	+ The work is His
	+ We are to live by faith in His grace