



## Lesson 15

**Title:** Christ is Superior to Moses

**Scripture:** Hebrews 3:1-6 (Part 1)

**V.1 THEREFORE...** (as a result of what has been said in chapters 1&2):

### Chapter 1- Jesus is God

- He is superior to the prophets (Heb. 1:1-2)
- He is the heir of all things (Heb. 1:3)
- He is the Creator of all things (Heb. 1:3)
- He is the Brightness of God's glory (Heb. 1:3)
- He is the Exact image of God (Heb. 1:3)
- He upholds all things (Heb. 1:3)
- He puts away our sins (Heb. 1:3)
- He is exalted to the highest of positions (Heb. 1:3)
- Superior to the angels (Heb. 1:4)
- He is God (Heb. 1:8)

Jesus was made a little while lower than the angels (Heb. 2:9) in order to be:

### Chapter 2 - Jesus is Man

- Our Substitute (Heb. 2:9)
- The Author of our Salvation (Heb. 2:10)
- Our Sanctifier (Heb. 2:11-13)
- Our Conqueror (Heb. 2:14-15)
- Our merciful and faithful High Priest (Heb. 2:16-18)
- The 'therefore' of this first verse links back to the argument the Holy Spirit makes about Jesus being made a little while lower than the angels by the suffering of death, to redeem His people from their sins. He took the form of His brethren so he could be the propitiation for their sins, and He continues to make intercession for us.

**V.1 HOLY BRETHERN** - This is the first official address or mention of the audience to whom the author is writing - they are described as 'holy' (2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 2:9)

- Called out ones
- Set apart
- Different from the world
- Saints (Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1)
- Brethren of Jesus (Heb. 2:11, John 20:17, Romans 8:29, Matthew 12:46-50, Matthew 28:10)
- We are brothers and sisters in Christ - We are the CHURCH, we are the body of Christ and Christ is our Head - (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 5:23, Acts 2:44-47)

**V.1 We share in a HEAVENLY CALLING** - (Romans 8:28-30, 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 4:1, Ephesians 4:4; Philippians 3:14; 1Thessalonians 2:12; 1Timothy 6:12; 1Peter 5:10; 2Peter 1:10; Jude 1:1)

### The External and Internal aspects of the Call

- The EXTERNAL CALL is that call made by ministers of the Word (pastors, evangelists, teachers, parents, friends, etc.) to those who are UNSAVED.
  - It is a GENERAL CALL to "all creatures" (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8) in obedience to Christ's commands. (This call goes out to ELECT and NON-ELECT).
  - It is a call that is FREQUENTLY rejected.
  - Consider the parable of the marriage feast in Luke 14:15-24. The word "invited" or "bade" in v. 16 is the verb "to call." (See Matt. 22:3)
  - It is a call NOT made in VAIN. If it is rejected then those who have heard it will be RIGHTEOUSLY punished with everlasting destruction. (See Proverbs 1:24-28; 1 Peter 4:17)
- The INTERNAL CALL is that call made by GOD Himself by using the EXTERNAL CALL of the ministry of the Word and His Spirit.
  - ALL those whom GOD chose before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4) HE CALLS! (Romans 8:29-30)
    - This call is a call out of darkness, into marvelous and surprising light. 1 Peter 2:9.
    - This call is a call out of bondage, into liberty. Galatians 5:13
    - It is a call out of the bondage of sin (unrighteousness) into the freedom of righteousness. (Romans 6:20; 1 John 2:29; 3:10)

- This call is a call out of the fellowship with men of the world, into fellowship (union) with Christ. (1Corinthians 1:9)
- It is a call out of the world and into the kingdom of the King!
- This call is a call out of the enmity with God, into a peace with God. (Romans 5:1; Colossians 3:15)
- This call is a call out of unholiness and sinfulness, into a state of holiness and righteousness. 1Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15
- This call is a call into the GRACE of Christ. Galatians 1:6
- This call is a call into SAINTHOOD. (Romans 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 1:2)

**V.1 CONSIDER JESUS** - *katanoëo*? (kat-an-o-eh'-o) - to observe fully: - behold, consider, discover, perceive.

- Consider and meditate on the total obedience of Jesus to the Father, consider the nature of His humiliation - the Creator of the universe being made lower than angels (His creation), despised and maltreated by sinners, lived a perfect life and performed the will of the Father even unto death on a cross.
- **Are you considering Jesus daily? How many times do you meditate upon Jesus' sacrifice for you?**

### V1. - Jesus the Apostle of Our Confession

- An apostle is one who is sent - Jesus is the sent One of God; the Apostle of the Father (see **John 20:21; Galatians 4:4-5**, 1 John 4:9-10)
- An apostle carries the same authority as the One who sent him, refusing to listen to the apostle is like refusing the sender! (Matthew 17:1-5, Matthew 10:40, **John 13:20**)...Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ (Gal 1:1), Peter an Apostle of Jesus Christ (1Pet.1:1) (...we must pay more attention to the words of the apostles!

### V1. Jesus the High Priest of Our Confession

- Jesus is the One who performs the sacrifice and is Himself the sacrifice that appeased God's wrath against us - (Heb. 5:7-10, Heb. 7:26, Heb. 8:1-3, Heb. 9:11-12, Heb. 10:21; Psa. 110:4)
- Jesus continues to make intercession for us - (Romans 8:34)
- What is our confession? - Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9-10)
- Is Jesus Lord in your life?
- Do you obey your Lord? (Matthew 7:21, John 14:15)

### V.2 Jesus was FAITHFUL to God as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

- Jesus submitted to the Father in total obedience - 'not my will but your will be done' ( Luke 22:42)
- Jesus was appointed by God to come and die for His people and He did! - (John 6:38-40)
- Moses was faithful in all God's house - (Numbers 12:5-7)
- The author compares Jesus' faithfulness to that of Moses. Moses as a type of Christ.
  - Moses was appointed by God to redeem the Israelites from Egypt, Jesus was appointed by God to redeem His people from their sins!
  - Moses' life was in danger at birth - Pharaoh killed all male children of the Israelites, Jesus' life was in danger at birth - Herod killed all male children.

### V.3 Jesus has more glory than Moses

- It was important that the Jewish Christians who were thinking about going back to Judaism understand this.
- Moses represents the old covenant or the Levitical system, while Christ represents the new covenant.
- Jesus (the man) has been counted worthy of more glory (by God) than Moses. The new covenant is greater than the old. (**Hebrews 1:1-4**, Hebrews 2:9; **Colossians 1:18**)
- Jesus is the builder of the house (Creator). Moses is compared to the house (creature/creation). The builder has more glory than the building. - (**Matthew 16:18; 1Corinthians 3:9**; 1Peter 2:5)

### V.4 God is the BUILDER of ALL THINGS

- God is the builder of all things - He is the Creator and Sustaining of all things, for in HIM we live, and move, and have our being - (Acts 17:28, Genesis 1:1, Psalms 127)
  - Are you trusting God to build your life? (see Proverbs 3:5-7)

