

**February 23, 2025**  
**HEBREWS 3:1-6**  
**“Consider Jesus”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

The author has to deal with the misconception of the Jews about Moses being the greatest. After all, they may say, he received the 10 commandments, spoke with God face to face, Moses led Israel out of Egypt, and he gave them the Pentateuch. In this passage the author will go through the process of demonstrating that Jesus is superior to Moses in every way. It is important to understand this as one proceeds to consider the remainder of this chapter.

This passage is a second warning more extensive and detailed than the first. A huge part of the reason for this epistle is coming to light, the human author is expressing his great concern for some of his readers, are they genuinely born again? Warning!

“Indeed, if we thoroughly consider Jesus in his faithfulness, in the proper comparison with faithful Moses, we shall ever keep from the faithlessness which destroyed the Israelites in the very time of Moses.” *R. C. H. Lenski* The writer does nothing to belittle Moses but he holds nothing back when making his point of the supremacy of Jesus over all creation.

There are professors who are not possessors and there are those sitting on the premises but not standing on the promises of God our Savior. **V 6**, reminds one of the wheat and the tares parable, see **Matthew 13:24-43**. Some of the readers confessed Jesus as Savior without knowing or understanding who He is. This is evidenced by their willingness to give Him up. The same is true today, that is why this book is so relevant for our times. “The modern church is producing passionate people with empty heads who love the Jesus they don’t know very well.” *Voddie Baucham*

“We” are the house/people of God, Jew and Gentile alike. “If we hold fast” a note of contingency and doubt that the author carries throughout this epistle. He is trying to awaken some of them, maybe most of them, out of a deadly spiritual slumber brought on by a misunderstanding of who Jesus really is. **Hebrews 3:12** confirms this concern.

**Application:**

The readers of this book who are genuinely saved comprise the House that Jesus built through His faithfulness to be the propitiation of sin in our stead. This is a distinguishing mark, those who are genuine will persevere. Think about the parable of the sower and the soils, not all are genuine believers. Those who hold on no matter what are able to do so because they are His, not because of their own strength or works. All others will miserably fail in due time. This hope, assured expectation, is found only in Jesus. Perseverance is a mark of genuine salvation, see **Romans 8:29-39**; **James 1:12**. Consider Jesus, are you born again? See **John 3:1-18**.

## **THE APOSTLE**

**Hebrews 3:1** is the only time in Scripture that Jesus is called The Apostle. “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;” **Hebrews 3:1** NASB Apostle means “Sent One.”

**John 3:16**, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” NASB

**John 17:18**, “As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” NASB

**JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST** what are some of the things we know about our Great High Priest?

“The former priests were many in number, because they’re prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” **Hebrews 7:23-25**, ESV

**Hebrews 7:26-27**, “[Here is] the High Priest [perfectly adapted] to our needs, as was fitting—holy, blameless, unstained by sin, separated from sinners, and exalted higher than the heavens. He has no day by day necessity, as [do each of these other] high priests, to offer sacrifice first of all for his own [personal] sins and then for those of the people, because He [met all the requirements] once for all when He brought Himself [as a sacrifice] which He offered up.” AMPLIFIED BIBLE

**Hebrews 8:6**, “But our High Priest has been given a ministry that is far superior to the ministry of those who serve under the old laws, for he is the one who guarantees for us a better covenant with God, based on better promises.” NLT

**John 17:15**, “I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one,” NASB Think about it, Jesus prays for you and me!

**John 17:26**, “I have made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” ESV Meditate on this!

**I Timothy 2:5**, “For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” KJV

**I John 2:1**, “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” ESV