

This week we enter Chapter 3 and Hebrews begins the next round of comparisons:

1. Christ is shown to be superior to Moses (3:1–4:13).
  - a. Christ is described as:
    - i. The Apostle of our confession
    - ii. The high priest of our faith
  - b. Moses and Christ compared: 3:1–6a.
    - i. Moses described as a faithful servant to God, working in God’s house.
    - ii. Jesus is worthy of more honor than Moses by virtue of being the Creator and as the Son.
    - iii. Hebrews 3:6 describes us as God’s house and that Christ is the builder of God’s house.
  
2. Second warning: the peril of copying the bad example of the Israelites in the wilderness: 3:6b–4:2.
  - a. Exhortation to hold fast our confidence in God through Christ.
  - b. Warning from the History of God’s chosen people. Psalm 95:7-11
  - c. Warning against an evil, unbelieving heart.
    - i. Exhortation to help one another every day to keep faith in God.
  - d. Warning against the deceitfulness of sin.
  - e. Promise of eternal life through faith in Christ.
    - i. If we hold on!
  - f. Further remarks about the unbelieving Israelites coming out of Egypt.
  - g. CONCLUSION: They fell and failed because they did not have faith in God, therefore God did not reward their unbelief.
  
3. Hebrews continues this thought and warning against unbelief into Chapter 4:1-13.
  - a. Faith is the key to entering God’s rest. 4:1-3

- b. Seeing is not always believing: the Israelites in the Exodus saw the mighty works of God in the Exodus, yet did not have faith in Him. Thus, they did not enter the Promised Land, symbolic of God's rest.
- c. God still promises His rest to those who believe Him. 4:6-7.
  - i. Psalm 95, written by David under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is God's promise for a rest still to come.
  - ii. Jesus announces that He is the rest promised by God: Matthew 11:28-30
- d. Joshua does not give the people rest, even though he led them into the Promised Land. 4:8.
  - i. This is evident by reading the first couple chapters of Judges, immediately after the conquest under Joshua, where it is clear they failed to drive out the Canaanites in the land.
- e. God's rest repeated in 4:9-10
- f. Exhortation to strive to enter God's rest 4:11
  - i. A reminder that God knows everything there is to know about us, inside and out. 4:12-13

Next week, the argument shifts to considering Jesus as God's Great High Priest and everything that involves.