

**Consider Jesus: Your Apostle and Priest**

Hebrews 3:1-6

Two words in this text are the major point of Hebrews and your life's calling: "Consider Jesus." Why "Consider Jesus"? John Piper says that everyone needs *a word from God* and *a way to God*. Jesus gives us both. Consider Jesus as the revelation from God and our reconciliation with God. The Hebrews looked to Moses as their apostle (messenger from God) and deliverer (way to God). In AD 67 the Hebrews who had followed the teachings of Christ were being threatened by the Hebrew authorities: *Renounce your faith in Christ or be banned from the Temple and the Law*. The writer of Hebrews addresses Hebrew Christians and encourages them to "consider Jesus."

**I. Consider the Person of Jesus is superior to the person of Moses.**

Moses was the greatest of all the prophets to Israel. God called him "faithful" in all things: *"Hear now my words: if there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, shall make myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. 7 not so, with my servant Moses, he is faithful in all my household; 8 with him I speak mouth to mouth, even openly, and not in dark sayings, and he beholds the form of the Lord"* (Num. 12:6-8). Remember the context.

**A. Jesus is more glorious than Moses because of His authority as Creator.**

Jesus is more glorious to Moses in the way a builder is superior to the house he builds.

Jesus created Moses. This is the manner in which the Bible proclaims Christ's deity.

**B. Jesus is more glorious than Moses because He is a Son rather than a servant.**

A son owns the house, provides for the house, and brings honor to the house. So too, Jesus is the Son of God and owns the entire house – *"whose house we are"* (v. 6).

**II. Consider the message of Jesus is superior to the message of Moses.**

The Mosaic Law called for the Hebrews to offer sacrifices on a daily and annual basis in order to propitiate the anger of God. Moses' Law could not be broken. *"Do this and live"* was the Covenant commandment (*"keep My statutes and My rules and live,"* Leviticus 18:5). Moses was Israel's first high priest, and he showed the Hebrews the way to God in rituals. Jesus is superior to Moses because He is the Offerer and the Offering. He is the Priest and the Lamb. *Consider Him*. Your right relationship with God is found only through Him.

This path to God through Jesus is your "heavenly calling." *The evidence that you are a participant in the heavenly calling is that you have trusted in the Word from God (Jesus) you are trusting in the Way to God (Jesus). "...if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end"* (v. 6). Where is your faith? Where is your hope and confidence?

*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."* This is what it means to consider Jesus!

**III. Consider the family of Jesus is superior to the family of Moses.**

The people of Moses were the Jews, or the Hebrews, and they only were the people of God.

In Christ the partition is broken (Eph. 2:14) and there is neither Jew nor Gentile (Gal. 3:28).

The cultural, ethnic, and national distinctions are secondary to the bond of "brotherhood."