Jesus vs Moses

Hebrews 3:1-6

Introduction: Two things: Jesus was counted worthy of more glory than Moses (3) and Moses was faithful as a servant, but Jesus was faithful as a son (5-6).

Moses – Moses' role in the history of Israel is vital to understand Jewish thinking.

First, Hebrews 3:1

Summary: What is the difference between Moses and Jesus and does it matter? He will begin answering that question in verse two.

Second, Jesus' 'work' was greater than Moses' 'work'. A key word in these three verses is the Greek word translated "house" - Hebrews 3:2-4

Moses built a house for God, the Tabernacle; but Moses had to come to that house along with every Hebrew. Jesus built a different house, a community of people called the Church, and he is the object of worship by the household of God..

Summary: The house that Moses built for God was the Tent of Meeting and God gave him the plans and authorized the building. The house that Jesus built was the household of faith. Moses built a building for God's use and Jesus built a community of people for God's glory.

Third, Jesus is superior because his position is greater – Hebrews 3:5-6

Confidence in the *End* of our Salvation

Jesus said, "*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples.*" (John 8:31)

Summary: Moses was a faithful servant to God. He was not a son. That place, that position, belongs only to Jesus Christ and that makes him greater.

Conclusion: First, Jesus was the "apostle of the Father" in that he was sent by Him to earth to bring and usher in the good news of salvation by God's grace; and second, Jesus is our High Priest standing between us and the Father's wrath against our sin, shedding his own blood to cover our transgression.

Divided loyalties will distort our spiritual judgment. The Jews who heard this letter had one eye on Jesus and another on Old Testament Judaism—and that is a divided loyalty.

The New Testament uses the metaphor of the people of God as a household or a building (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:5) four times and again here. This designation is about the family of God together. (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Timothy 3:15) Jesus is the cornerstone and by him the whole body holds together and grows into the likeness of Jesus Christ. This truth requires that we "hold on to our courage" and find "our boast in our hope in Jesus Christ".