

Hebrews Part One

Lesson #11, Chapter 3:1-6

Read Chapter 3 before beginning this lesson.

1. Verse 1 begins with *therefore*. What previous thought is the writer connecting to his opening statements in 3:1?
2. Who does the writer of Hebrews address his comments to in vs. 1? What other details do you learn about them in vs. 1?
3. Define *partakers* [Strong's #3353 (NIV *share*)].
4. What are we commanded to do in vs. 1?
5. Define *consider* [Strong's #2657 (NIV *fix your thoughts*)].
6. How is Jesus described in vs. 1?
7. What does the writer mean when he describes Jesus as *the Apostle*? Define *apostle* [Strong's #652]. See also Jn. 3:17, 34; 5:36-38; 8:42 to gain added meaning to the term.

8. What is the *confession* the writer refers to in vs. 1? To whom does the confession belong? Look up Heb. 4:14; 10:23; 2 Cor. 9:13; 1 Tim. 6:12-13 for further information about your confession. What do you learn about your confession from Jn. 12:42-43; Rom. 10:9; and Phil. 2:11?

9. What comparison is made about Jesus and Moses in vs. 2?

10. The writer of Hebrews uses the term *house* frequently in vss. 2-6. Determine from those verses if the word *house* is referring to a building or the family of people, i.e. the household. See also Heb. 8:8, 10; 10:21; 11:7 where the writer further uses the word in Hebrews and add that information to your answer.

11. The comparison between Jesus and Moses continues in vss. 3-4. Explain why Jesus has more glory than Moses according to vss. 3-4. What added information do you glean from 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Eph. 2:19-22; and 1 Pet. 2:4-5?

12. Further distinctions are made between Jesus and Moses in vss. 5-6. What are they?

13. Define *faithful* as used in vss. 2-6 [Strong's #4103].

14. Moses is an example to us because he was faithful over his duties as a *servant*. How does God view the faithfulness of a servant? See Num. 12:7-8; Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:1-2.

15. How does that knowledge spur you on to greater faithfulness? Can you think of any areas where you need to cultivate faithfulness? What steps are necessary to grow in this area?

16. How do we benefit from the faithfulness of Christ over the household of God? See Eph. 2:19-22. Can you think of any more benefits?

17. If we hold fast to our confidence and hope until the end what does that prove about us? The answer is found in vs. 6. See also Matt. 10:22; Jn. 6:39-40; 8:31; Luke 8:15; Rom. 8:1, 31-39; Jude 24-25.

18. If we don't hold fast to Christ until the end what does that say about us? See Heb. 4:1-3; Luke 8:12-14; and 1 Jn. 2:19-25.

19. What is a crucial component of the Christian life that must be present in your walk that functions as a protection and a guide for you? See Ps. 139:23-24; Lam. 3:40; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:21-23; and 2 Pet. 1:10-11.

20. The one and only command in this section is for us to consider Jesus. How would considering Jesus help you to be a faithful servant in the household of God?

21. R. Kent Hughes in his commentary on Hebrews suggests that there are 4 key components to successfully considering Jesus: *desire, concentration, discipline, and time*.¹ Explain why each of those are necessary to striving after Jesus.

¹ R. Kent Hughes, *Hebrews Vol. 1: An Anchor for the Soul* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1993), pgs. 92-93.

22. What are some ways you are obeying the command to consider Jesus? How can you obey it more faithfully? What distracts you from considering Jesus?

23. Write out a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to our faithful God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

“My counsel is that ye come out and leave the multitude, and let Christ have your company. Let them take clay and this present world who love it: Christ is a more worthy and noble portion. Blessed are those who get Him.” ~Samuel Rutherford