

CHAPTER 3

Vs 4 “...he that built all things is God.” In the context, this is speaking of Jesus Christ.

- Vs 1: “**consider...Christ Jesus.**”
- Vs 2: “**who was faithful.**”
- Vs 3: “**...he builded the house.**”
- Vs 4: “**...he that built all things is God.**”
 - By using the process of inductive reasoning, the reader can conclude that Jesus is God.
 - If Jesus is God, He is better than Moses.

Vs. 5 “**And Moses verily (truly) was faithful in all his house...**”

- The measure of your faithfulness is not based on your results. It is based on whether you did what God wanted you to do, regardless of the results.
- “**Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful...**” (Matt. 25:21).
 - The Lord will consider your faithfulness, not your results.
- Moses’ results: Only two of the original Israelites entered the Promised Land (Num 32:11-12).
- Jeremiah’s results: none that we can see in 52 chapters, though he was faithful to serve God.
- Jonah’s results: he preached one sermon that saved Nineveh, though he disobeyed God.
- Success and failure are out of your control. You can’t control other people.
 - You can faithfully preach the gospel, but that doesn’t guarantee someone will get saved.
- Faithfulness is something you control. Simply do what God tells you to do.

COMPARE MOSES TO JESUS: “But Christ as a son over his own house...” (vs 6).

- Jesus Christ tasted death for every man (**Heb 2:9**). He faithfully did what His Father asked Him to do.
 - Yet, all men will not be saved. (Matt 11:28, Mk 10:14, Matt 23:37, Lk 13:34, Acts 7:51).
- Moses will be rewarded based on his faithful service, not his results.

“Moses verily was faithful...as a servant...”

- He was a leader, but he served the people.
- A pastor is in a leadership role, but his role is to serve others.
- A man is the head of his household, but his role is to serve the family.

“...for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after.”

- Moses served faithfully so that we can talk about his faithfulness and compare it to Jesus’ faithfulness, and to show that Jesus is better.
- We should live godly lives so our life points to Jesus Christ and magnifies Him.
 - Does your life make someone want to know more about Jesus?

Vs 6 “**But Christ as a son over his own house...**”

- Generally, a son is not going to be over the house.
- Jesus Christ is a Son who is over the house because he predates the house (vs 3).

“...whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”

- This verse addresses the **“holy brethren”** (vs 1, believers) among the Hebrews (flesh and blood Jews). Verses 1-6 are written to believers.
- But verse 6 also points out that there are some who are not among the holy brethren.
 - Holy brethren will be evidenced by their continued steadfastness and their confidence and their rejoicing.
 - Unbelievers will be evidenced by their falling away.
- Holding fast to the end does not “prove” that a believer can lose their salvation.
 - **Hebrews 10:14**, **“For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”**
 - The conditional phrase, **“If we hold fast”** makes verse 6 inclusive of saved and unsaved Hebrews.
 - **Luke 8:4-13** and **Matthew 13:20-21** speaks of people who intellectually respond to the gospel without allowing their faith to take root in Jesus Christ. He is the root (Rev 22:19, Isaiah 53:2).
 - They never received Jesus Christ. Without that Root, they quickly fall away at the first signs of trouble or persecution.
 - They quickly *“signed up”* for Jesus when they thought He would solve all their problems. When they discovered they had more problems, they fell away.
- Holding fast to the end doesn’t get you saved, it provides strong evidence that you are saved.