

Title: Christ, The True and Better Deliverer

Central idea: Jesus, being the true leader and covenant-maker of Israel, does and did for God's people what Moses, the faithful servant leader of Israel, could not.

TEXT: Hebrews 3:1-6 (ESV)

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

BODY

- I. Jesus is the true and better leader of Israel. (v.1, highlight “apostle”)
 - a. Moses was a unique prophet whom the LORD knew face-to-face (Deut. 34:10).
 - b. Jesus also “knew” God face to face because he came from God (John 6:45-46).
 - c. Moses spoke of Jesus being a prophet like him that the people would hear (Deut. 18:15).
 - d. Many prophets came that Israel listened to, but the last and greatest was Christ (Acts 3:22-24).
- II. Jesus is the true and better covenant-maker. (v.1, highlight high priest)
 - a. Moses went between the people and God as a mediator (Deut. 5:23-27).
 - b. This was both as the covenant “maker” and an intercessor (Ex. 32:30-32).
 - c. Jesus stands forever between the people and God as a mediator (1 Tim. 2:5).
 - d. Jesus established the new covenant in his blood (Luke 22:20).
 - e. Moses died, but Jesus lives forever as our intercessor (Heb. 7:25).
- III. Jesus is the true and better deliverer (v. 5-6a)
 - a. Jesus is the fulfillment of that which was delivered by Moses.
 - i. Jesus came to fulfill the law (Matt. 5:17-18).
 - ii. Jesus said that the law and the prophets concerned him (Luke 24:44).

1. Jesus declares all the Scriptures testify of Him (John 5:39, Luke 24:27).
 2. Jesus grants fuller understanding of what Moses delivered (John 5:45-46).
- b. Jesus is the true bread of life pictured in the wilderness.
- i. God provided bread from heaven in the days of Moses, and it was attributed to Moses (Exodus 16).
 - ii. Jesus says not only did that bread not come from Moses, it was a picture of the true bread of life that had come (John 6:32-33, 48-50).
- c. Jesus is uniquely able to deliver his people into the true promised land.
- i. Moses could only bring God's people to the precipice of the physical promised land (Deut. 34:1-4).
 - ii. Jesus opened the way to deliver God's people to the literal promised land, whose builder and maker is God (cf. Ps. 68:18, Eph. 4:8).