

I. Introduction and review.

II. Brethren, consider Jesus. v. 1-2

A. What is your identity? v. 1a I Co. 6:9-11

1. **Our nature: We are holy (saints) because Jesus has set us apart. 2:11**
2. **Our relationship: We are brothers (and sisters) in Christ. 2:12 3:12 10:24-25**
3. **Our privilege: We are partakers of a call from and to heaven. 3:7 2:14**
4. **Our profession: We have confessed Jesus (in baptism?). 4:14 10:23 Rom. 10:9-10
II Co. 9:13 I Tim. 6:12-13**

B. Consider Jesus! v. 1b

1. **This implies we need to consider Jesus as we have never before considered Him.**
2. **Those who are being distracted by less glorious things need to look at Jesus.**
3. **Those who have been Christians for a long time need to consider Jesus. Rev. 2:4**
4. **Those who are not yet believers should consider Jesus!**
5. **How does one go about considering Jesus?**
6. **If you neglect Jesus you are at great risk. v. 7f**

C. Jesus is the Word from God and the Way to God. v. 1c

1. **Jesus is God's Apostle (*sent one, messenger*), sent to proclaim God's Word. 1:1-2
10:9 Isa. 61:1 Lu. 4:18 Jo. 3:17,34 5:37 6:29 8:42 10:36 11:42 17:3 20:21**
2. **Jesus is God's High Priest, reconciling God and man. 2:17 I Ti. 2:5 I Sa. 2:33-35**

III. Jesus, like Moses, was faithful to God. v. 2

A. To what house does our author refer? v. 2,3,4,5,6

1. **God's people are God's house.**
2. **Israel was God's house under the Old Covenant. 8:8,10**
3. **The church is God's house under the New Covenant. v. 6 10:21 I Tim. 3:15**

B. Moses faithfully carried out his duties in God's Old Covenant household. Nu. 12:6-8

1. **Our author affirms the greatness of his readers' hero, Moses. Ex. 40:16**
2. **Moses left the pleasures of the Egyptian palace in order to be identified with God's people. 11:24-25**
3. **Moses was sent by God to Pharaoh's court.**
4. **Moses led God's people out of slavery in Egypt toward the promised land. 3:16**
5. **Moses was a great prophet through whom God's word came to His people.
Num. 12:8 Deut. 34:10-12**
6. **Those who refused to listen to Moses didn't enter Canaan. 3:7-19 Ps. 95:7-10**

C. Jesus faithfully carried out His duties in God's New Covenant household.

1. **Jesus perfectly carried out God's will. 10:7,9 John 12:49 8:28,38 17:4 10:18
Ps. 40:8 I Sam. 2:33-35 I Chron. 17:14**
2. **Jesus shared in our humanity in order to identify with us. 2:14,17**
3. **Jesus frees us from slavery to death and delivers us to heaven. 2:14-15 3:1**
4. **Jesus is the promised Prophet like Moses who brings God's full and final revelation. 1:1-2 Deut. 18:15-19 John 1:1f**
5. **Those who refuse to listen to Jesus won't go to heaven. 4:1-13 Dt. 18:19**

IV. Jesus is superior to Moses. v. 3-6a

- A. Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses because Jesus created God's house. v. 3-4
1. Moses is worthy of some glory because of his faithfulness as a member of God's household. 3:3 Num. 12:3,6-8 Ex. 40:16
 2. Moses was not the builder of the Old Covenant. Dt. 18:18 Ex. 7:1-2 II Pe. 1:21-22
 3. Jesus is the long awaited Builder of God's house. ICh. 17:11f Zec. 6:12f I Pe. 2:5
 4. Jesus, the Founder and Builder of God's household, is worthy of much greater glory. 3:3-4 2:8,10 1:2 II Co. 3:7f Rev. 5:12-13
- B. Jesus' authority is as a Son in God's house while Moses was only a servant. v. 5-6a
1. Moses was an excellent and faithful servant in God's household. v. 5 Num. 12:7
 2. Jesus is the Son, who owns the house. v. 6a 1:2,3f Jo. 8:35 Is. 9:6 42:1f 52:13f Acts 4:27 Eph. 1:22
 3. Moses testified to the coming One Who would surpass him. v. 5b 10:1 Dt. 18:15,18 Acts 7:37-38 10:43 Luke 24:27,44
 4. Jesus is the One of whom Moses spoke. John 5:45-47

V. You are God's house, if you remain faithful to Christ. v. 6b.

- A. The church is God's household (people) and dwelling place (temple). 10:21 I Ti. 3:15 Eph. 2:19f I Pe. 2:5-10 I Co. 3:16 Gal. 6:10
- B. But only if you cling fast to Christ.
1. Live up to what you confessed. 3:1
 2. Those who professed Christ, but do not continue in the faith, are not truly part of God's household. 3:14 10:23
 3. Does this imply believers can lose their salvation? Jo. 10:27-29 6:37 Rom. 8:29f
 4. He is not saying believers can lose their faith, but rather that their failure to persevere proves their profession was false. 3:19 I Jo. 2:19 Mt. 7:23.
 5. We are kept by God's power. I Pe. 1:5 Phil. 1:6 John 10:27-29 Ro. 8:29f
 6. We are responsible to exert effort: hold on tight. 3:14 4:14 10:23 I Cor. 11:2 15:2
 7. This warning is not unique to the book of Hebrews. Jo. 8:31 II Co. 13:5 Mt. 7:15f Mark 4:1ff 13:13 Rev. 2:7,11,25f 3:5,11f,21
 8. This warning is needed in our day.
 9. Our author encourages us to remember our past confession, not merely as a ground of assurance, but as a basis for faithfulness. 4:14
- C. Have full confidence in Christ.

VI. Concluding applications.

Discussion questions

1. How should we see ourselves as Christians? What is our true identity? v. 1
2. What should you do to "consider Jesus"? v. 1
3. Of what confession does our author speak? v. 1
4. In what sense is Jesus an Apostle? v. 1
5. Explain Jesus' High Priestly ministry. v. 1
6. How is Jesus like Moses? v. 2
7. Why is Jesus greater than Moses? v. 3-6a
8. What is the "house" of which our author speaks? v. 2-6
9. Why is it necessary that we hold fast to our confidence in Christ? v. 6b
10. What is the implication of someone letting go of Christ? v. 6b-19