

# Builder Gets the Honor

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RECAP:	<p>So last week we looked at Jesus and Moses.</p> <p>—One of the questions that was asked, “Why compare Jesus and Moses?”</p> <p>— — We already looked at Jesus in comparison to angels so why Moses? Last week was the beginning of answering that question and we will deal with it until verse 6.</p> <p>— — — We looked at the Christian calling and how we need to be living up to the calling of Christ in our lives.</p> <p>— — — — Part of the calling is thinking about Christ. Those we love we think about. Those that we use we don’t think about until we need them.</p> <p>— — — — — Lastly, we looked at the high office that Jesus held.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>So, today we will continue to look into the question of why Moses.</p> <p>—We will see the comparison and why Jesus is the savior of the world and not Moses.</p> <p>— — We will understand more about Christ and we will see once again a vast gap between Christ and even the great Moses.</p> <p>— — — We will see that Moses was faithful in the way that he could be faithful and that Christ is faithful in His way but one faithfulness is much greater than the other.</p>
Passage Begins	

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<b>Hebrews 3:2–3(NASB95): 2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.</b>	<p>As we started looking into the comparison of Jesus and Moses last week we looked at the fact that Moses was like the peak or height of people in the Jewish tradition.</p> <p>— So, as our author is writing and God is inspiring, writing about Moses had to be done in a way of respect for Jewish culture and beliefs.</p> <p>— — The Jews regarded Moses as like “THE man of God.”</p> <p>— — — And really they should have a reverence for Moses as their lives are influenced by the writings of Moses.</p> <p>— — — — Not just the religious practices but really everything that connects them to God is based on Moses’ work for God.</p> <p>— — — — — Their forgiveness is based on the sacrificial laws, their hope for the future, their how to live, and so much more. All based on Moses’ writing.</p> <p>— — — — — Now, Moses was inspired by God, but still, they held Moses in such a high place.</p>
	<p>So, God now approaches Moses in His comparison to Christ carefully.</p> <p>— Before addressing the superiority of Christ over Moses, God points out similarities.</p> <p>— — Both Jesus and Moses are called faithful to the One that appointed them; God.</p> <p>— — — Author W. Pink wrote, “Faithfulness signifies two things: a trust committed, and a proper discharge of that Trust.”</p> <p>— — — — John Owens wrote, “Our Lord had a trust committed to Him....This trust He faithfully discharged. He sought not His own glory, but the glory of Him that sent Him; He even declared His message to be not His own, but the Father’s; and He declared the whole will or word of God that was committed unto Him.”</p>

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	<p>Our scripture tells us that Jesus was faithful to the One who appointed Him.</p> <p>—Jesus’ appointment did not end when His earthly ministry ended but will continue through all eternity.</p> <p>— — <b>READ: John 9:4 (NASB95): 4 “We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.</b></p> <p>— — <b>READ: Matthew 26:39 (NASB95): 39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”</b></p> <p>— — Even after His earthly ministry Jesus continues to do the work God has for Him: <b>READ: John 14:1–4 (NASB95): 1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4 “And you know the way where I am going.”</b></p> <p>— — — Jesus continues to intercede for us and represent us before almighty God.</p>
	<p>Moses was also faithful to God.</p> <p>—Our passage tells us that Moses was faithful in the all God’s house.</p> <p>— — In the ancient time this phrase typically meant the family.</p> <p>— — — Moses was faithful to the people of God even when the people of God were not easy to be faithful to.</p> <p>— — — — <b>READ: Numbers 12:7–8 (NASB95): 7 “Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; 8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the Lord.”</b></p>

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	<p>Pink wrote, “Moses was appointed by God over the whole of His family: Moses was faithful in discharging the trust committed to him.”</p> <p>— — So we can see why Moses was held in such high esteem in the Israelites minds.</p> <p>— — — Yes, Moses had his moments of weakness personally but the work that Moses did for the family/ people of God was sound.</p> <p>— — — — But these personal weaknesses begin to reveal the differences between Jesus and Moses.</p> <p>— — — — — So, the question must be looked at and addressed; what is the different between Jesus and Moses?</p>
<p><b>3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.</b></p>	<p>Verse 3 and following reveal to us some of the ways that Jesus is superior Moses.</p> <p>— In several different places throughout the word of God we the family/kingdom/believers are compared to a building or a house.</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: Ephesians 2:19–22 (NASB95):</u> 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.</b></p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: 1 Peter 2:4–5 (NASB95):</u> 4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.</b></p>

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	<p>Moses, as faithful as he is to God’s people and to God, is still part of the house.</p> <p>—Jesus is the best part of the house but also the builder of the house.</p> <p>— — This is a good lesson for all of us who follow Christ.</p> <p>— — — We may think we are great and we have this whole thing figured out but in reality we are all stones that are coming together to build a house that God dwells in and that God makes.</p> <p>— — — — The builder of the house deserves greater honor than the house itself because the house would not be without the builder.</p> <p>— — — — — William Hendriksen wrote, “The architect and the builder stand, figuratively, above the structure they have created. They stand on a different level. By analogy, the author says, God is the architect; Jesus is the builder of God’s house; Moses is a servant in God’s house.”</p>
	<p>Moses never was the builder of the house but a servant in the house.</p> <p>—This phrase, “to build the house,” is comparable to the one who founds the family.</p> <p>— — So, when we look at the vast gap between Moses and Jesus, we see that Moses was/is a member of the house and Jesus is the founder of the house.</p> <p>— — — We must remember what we have learned so far in Hebrews: <b>READ: Hebrews 2:10 (NASB95): 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.</b></p> <p>— — — — To this point God has already used terms for Himself interchangeably with Christ.</p> <p>— — — — — So we need to remember Jesus’ essential being (Him being God) and His official character (Him being high priest, Mediator, His humanity).</p>

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	<p>So, we as Christians are God’s work and created by Christ: <b>READ: Ephesians 2:10 (NASB95): 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.</b></p> <p>—Pink wrote, “Moses did not make men children of God; Christ does. Moses came to a people who were already the Lord’s by covenant relationship; whereas Christ takes up those who are dead in trespass’s and sins, and creates then anew.”</p> <p>— — <b>READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB95): 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.</b></p> <p>— — <b>READ: Galatians 2:20 (NASB95): 20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.</b></p>
	<p>Moses’ work is not minimized; much like our work is not minimized but we have to recognize the one who causes us to do the work that we do.</p> <p>—What we need to understand from this comparison is that we are talking about 2 different things here.</p> <p>— — This is once again a moment where we can see the massive expanse between humanity and God.</p> <p>— — — Even one of our “greatest humans” is so small in comparison to Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, savior of the world, Mediator, builder, Son of God.</p> <p>— — — — Those Jesus is more worthy of glory because Jesus is the Son of God, He is God.</p>

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	<p>So what is our take away? What is our practical application?</p> <p>— This passage points us to the fact that no matter how awesome a person is, no matter how great they are in humanities sight; we will never be able to save ourselves, we will never be enough to be the builders.</p> <p>— — This should not be a surprise to us but it should help us understand our role better.</p> <p>— — — We are to be servants in the kingdom of God; we are not to try and be the builders, are not to try and build our own homes so we get the glory; no, we are to serve in the house that Christ built.</p> <p>— — — — We are God’s workmanship and we are created to do the work of God; are you doing the work of God? Are you in place and part of the house? Or are you out of place trying to be something else or someone else or not even near the house; are you running?</p> <p>— — — — — Moses’ work is not minimized and our work is not minimized. We have a great High Priest who know how hard it is to live this life and how hard the work can become. Don’t think little of the work you do for God.</p> <p>—</p>
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