
Week 7 Sermon, October 1, 2023

Hebrews 3:1-6 – *The Faithfulness of the Son*

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “consider Jesus,” as we are instructed by the author of Hebrews in chapter 3:1? How is this consideration revealed in your daily walk? Would others know that you have spent time with Jesus? Look back to Exodus 34:29-35. The very appearance of Moses changed after being with God. How does your life reflect the time you spend with God?
 2. Moses was Israel’s true advocate with God. How beautiful is the LORD’s description of Moses in Numbers 12:6-8! The job of an advocate is to represent or defend another. God sent a better Advocate in Jesus; One who reveals God to people and represents people before God. In what ways has Christ been an advocate in this world? In your life?
 3. Jesus was faithful as Apostle and High Priest to Him by whom He was appointed. An *apostle* is one who is sent. Read John 6: 28-36. How is that passage connected to Exodus 17:3-7 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-4? What evidence would you present to someone who doubted that Jesus was sent by God?
 4. Twice in our sermon text the LORD’s description of Moses from Numbers 12:7 is echoed, reminding us that Moses “was faithful in all God’s house.” Note the preposition “in” and how it contrasts to the description of Christ in verse 6, who “is faithful *over* God’s house.” Like Moses, we are in God’s household, a part of His family, while Jesus is not simply a Brother but the builder of all things. How do Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2: 5 and 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 help us understand how God builds? Why is it so crucial that we be “holy brothers,” maintaining unity in the church (“we are His house”)?
 5. This section of Chapter 3 ends with an exhortation that is repeated again later in the letter. Read 4:14 and 10:23. What is the writer of Hebrews strongly encouraging the original recipients—and us—to do? Are we able to do this on our own? How is our confession related to our confidence?
 6. *Bonus:* Read Psalm 46 and contemplate the words of our Hymn of the Month, “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” by Martin Luther. (*Lyrics on following page. . . .*)
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Hymn of the Month, October, 2023

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

By Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name; from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.
