

# Hebrews 3

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## **Jesus Greater Than Moses**

- <sup>1</sup> Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;
- <sup>2</sup> Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.
- <sup>3</sup> For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.
- <sup>4</sup> For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.
- <sup>5</sup> And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;
- <sup>6</sup> But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

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## **Warning Against Unbelief**

- <sup>7</sup> Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
- <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.
- <sup>10</sup> Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.
- <sup>11</sup> So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

**12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

**13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**14** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

**15** While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

**16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

**17** But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?

**18** And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

**19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Apostle** — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

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### Hope — ἐλπίς (Elpis)

Hope, expectation

The Greek **elpis** (ἐλπίς) denotes hope—confident expectation of good. This hope is 'an anchor of the soul' (Hebrews 6:19), grounded in Christ's resurrection and the believer's future inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

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### Messiah — Χριστός (Christos)

Christ, Anointed One

The Greek **Christos** (Χριστός) translates 'Messiah'—the Anointed One. Peter confessed 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

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### Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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### Wrath — ὀργή (Orgē)

Wrath, anger

The Greek **orgē** (ὀργή) means wrath—settled, righteous anger against sin. Believers are 'saved from wrath through him' (Romans 5:9), as Christ bore God's wrath on the cross, satisfying divine justice.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Hebrews 3:1** **Holy:** Hebrews 7:26; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 2:9. **References Jesus:** Romans 15:8; Philippians 3:14. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 2:17; 10:21; 1 Corinthians 9:23; Ephesians 4:1; 4:4

**Hebrews 3:2** **Faith:** Numbers 12:7; 1 Timothy 1:12. **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 2:22; 1 Timothy 3:15

### Hebrews 3:3

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:6; Zechariah 4:9; Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Colossians 1:18.

**Glory:** Hebrews 2:9

**Hebrews 3:4** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:2; 3:3

**Hebrews 3:5** **Faith:** Hebrews 3:2; Exodus 14:31; Numbers 12:7; 1 Timothy 1:12. **References**

**Moses:** Hebrews 8:5; Deuteronomy 34:5; Joshua 1:2; Psalms 105:26; Acts 28:23. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 9:24

**Hebrews 3:6** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:2; 4:11; 10:23; 10:35; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16. **References Christ:** Hebrews 3:14; 1 Peter 2:5. **Hope:** Hebrews 6:11

**Hebrews 3:7** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:13; 3:15; 4:7; Psalms 81:11; 81:13; Isaiah 55:3; Matthew 17:5; John 10:3; 10:27; Revelation 3:20

**Hebrews 3:8** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 8:15; 17:7; Job 9:4; Psalms 78:18; 78:56; Proverbs 28:14; 29:1; Jeremiah 7:26; Daniel 5:20; Matthew 13:15

**Hebrews 3:9** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 4:3; 4:9; Acts 7:36

### Hebrews 3:10

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 67:2; 78:8; 95:10; Isaiah 63:10; Jeremiah 4:22; Hosea 4:12; Ephesians 4:30

**Hebrews 3:11** **Judgment:** Hebrews 4:3; Psalms 95:11. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:5; 4:9; Numbers 14:35; Deuteronomy 2:14

**Hebrews 3:12** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:10; 10:38; 12:25; Jeremiah 17:5; 1 Corinthians 10:12. **Evil:** Jeremiah 7:24; 11:8; 17:9; 18:12. **References God:** Hebrews 12:15

**Hebrews 3:13** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:26; Isaiah 44:20; Obadiah 1:3; Acts 11:23; Ephesians 4:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2; James 1:14. **Sin:** Romans 7:11

### Hebrews 3:14

**References Christ:** Hebrews 3:1; 3:6; Ephesians 3:6; 1 Peter 4:13; 1 John 1:3. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 6:11; 12:10; Romans 11:17; 1 Corinthians 10:17. **Creation:** Hebrews 6:4

**Hebrews 3:15** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:29; 10:38; Psalms 95:7

**Hebrews 3:16** **References Moses:** Numbers 14:2. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:24; 14:30; 14:38; 26:65; Deuteronomy 1:38; Psalms 78:17. **References Egypt:** Numbers 14:4

**Hebrews 3:17** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:22; 14:29; Jeremiah 9:22; Jude 1:5

**Hebrews 3:18** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:11; 4:6; Numbers 14:23; 14:30. **Faith:** Hebrews 4:2; Numbers 14:11; 20:12; Deuteronomy 9:23

**Hebrews 3:19** **Parallel theme:** Mark 16:16; John 3:18; 3:36; 1 John 5:10; Jude 1:5

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