

Hebrews 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

Analysis

Moses' role as 'therapon' (servant/attendant) emphasizes his faithful ministry while clearly subordinating him to Christ. His testimony was 'of those things which were to be spoken after'—he pointed forward to Christ. The entire Mosaic economy was anticipatory, typological, and temporary, serving as a tutor leading to Christ (Galatians 3:24).

Historical Context

Moses himself prophesied the coming of a greater prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-18), recognized in Jewish tradition as the Messiah. Moses' own testimony thus validated Christ's supremacy.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you see Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament shadows and types?
2. What does Moses' forward-pointing ministry teach you about faithful service?

Interlinear Text

καὶ Μωσῆς μὲν πιστὸς ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ οἴκῳ αὐτοῦ ὡς
And Moses verily was faithful in all his house as
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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 12:7 (Faith): My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

Hebrews 3:2 (Faith): Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

Exodus 14:31 (Faith): And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Psalms 105:26 (References Moses): He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Acts 28:23 (References Moses): And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Hebrews 8:5 (References Moses): Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

1 Timothy 1:12 (Faith): And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

Deuteronomy 34:5 (References Moses): So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

Joshua 1:2 (References Moses): Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Hebrews 9:24 (Parallel theme): For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

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