

# Hebrews: a Bible Study

## Lesson Four

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Men's Bible Study  
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# Better

## Our Path

- Nothing inferior to Jewish religion
  - The best became better in Jesus
    - Better source of God's message 1:1-3
    - Better vehicle of God's message 1:4-2:18
    - Better leadership toward God's message 3:1-3:7
    - Better internal understanding of God's message 3:8-4:13
    - Better provider of God's message 4:14-5:10
    - Better teacher of God's message 5:11-6:12
    - Better promise of God's message 6:12-6:20
    - Better intermediary of God's message 6:20-7:28
    - Better contract of God's message 8:1-9:28
    - Better provision of God's message 10:1:18
    - Better method of God's message 11:1-40
    - Better encouragement of God's Message 12:1-13:22
- Prophets  
Angels  
Moses  
Rest  
Priests  
School  
Promise  
High Priest  
Covenant  
Sacrifice  
Faith  
Admonitions

Hebrews 3:1

Key  
Verse

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, **FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON JESUS**, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.



# Our focus for tonight Hebrews 3:1-19

Focus

- 19 verses
- Message of Hebrews - same as the rest of the Bible
  - Message of God in Revelation - God revealing Himself
  - Message of God in Reconciliation - God providing a path to Him
- Three words to be studied

## Three words of great import (repeated)

- Moses - the builder 4 times
- House - that which was built 6 times
- Heart - the reason for the building 7 times

# ALLEGORY

Idea  
#1

- Definition of *allegory*
- 1: the expression by means of symbolic fictional figures and actions of truths or generalizations about human existence a writer known for his use of *allegory also* : an instance (as in a story or painting) of such expression The poem is an *allegory* of love and jealousy.
- 2: a symbolic representation



# Moses the Builder 4 times.

Idea  
#2

When did Moses ever build a house?

Egypt he was born and raised

Went to the desert

Burning bush

Let my people go

Wilderness

Gave the people the law

Died in the desert.

So what house did he build?

Moses the doer

Moses the most honorable because he was the builder

# House - That which was built

Idea  
#3

- The Preacher was talking about what we would call the Household
- The people became a household
- The nation promised by Abraham became one under Moses
  - He gave them the law for them to live by: Morals
  - He divided them into groups: Organizational Structure
  - He pointed the way for them: Leader
  - He provided for them: Manna and water
- The house was not as important as the builder
  - The builder of the house has greater honor than the house itself v3



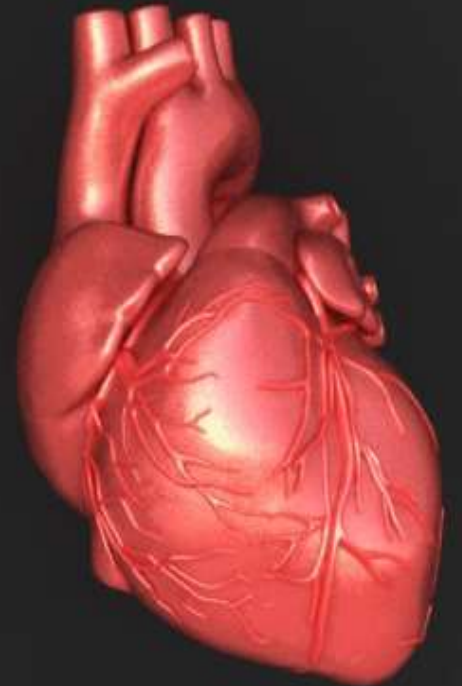
# House an Allegory

- For Moses the House was the people turned into a nation
- For God the house is all those saved and living by grace
  - Revelation - God reveals himself in HIS people
  - Reconciliation - God provides as Moses did to save them
- For YOU, the house is your heart
- Who has the most glory, honor, and praise for the heart?
  - The builder
  - It may be built up or torn down,, your choice

# Heart an Allegory

## Idea #4

- The heart is more than an organ
- There are good things we can do for our hearts
- There are good things we can do for our allegorical hearts
- There are bad things we can do for our hearts
- There are bad things we can do for our allegorical hearts



# Heart

- The heart in the bible is the gateway and exit of all our actions
  - What we allow in it is what will determine what comes out.
- The heart can harden by rebellion V8
- The heart can and often does go astray v10
- The heart can be sinful, unbelieving, turned away V12
- The heart can harden by deceitfulness v13
- The heart can lead to rebellion V15



# Heart - The reason for building

Idea  
#5

- It is the ruling center
  - The spring of our desires
  - Seat of the will
  - Library of our intellect
  - It is the home of our feelings and emotions
- It is the eternal soul
  - Matthew 9:4 the mind has a part
  - Acts 11:23 the will has a part
  - John 16:22 it has emotions
  - Hebrews 10:22 it has conscience
  - I John 3:20 it can blame
  - Mark 12:30 it can love

# Why argue the comparison between Jesus and Moses?

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. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; <sup>6</sup> but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end. NASB

So, as the Holy Spirit says; “Today, if you hear his voice, Do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion during the time of testing in the wilderness.



# How to we keep our hearts and house in order?

Idea  
#6

- Advice for those who have partaken of the heavenly calling
  - Voice of God
  - Path to God
- Fix your thoughts (Consider this)
  - All your hope hangs on him, (no going back)
  - All your confidence is dependent on him
- Who's house do we belong
  - Jesus now owns the house that he built
  - Jesus is now the leader of the house
  - We are the house
- IF we hold fast

IF



Jesus is better than the Angels

Therefore...

# Application

## Idea #7

- Fix your thoughts on Jesus. v1 Last week (Laser focus)
  - Squirrel
  - Our thoughts are a product of our hearts
    - What goes in determines what comes out.
  - FIX. An act of the will
- Hear his voice v7
  - Bible study
  - Time alone with God
- Encourage one another daily V13



