

Hebrews: a Bible Study

Lesson Four

Liberty Towers Church
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

-Outline

-Last week Jesus superior to the prophets

-This week Jesus superior to Angels

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

Jesus greater than Moses is the chapter heading in my NIV

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

Moses well esteemed to the Hebrew Christians

Lead the nation for 40 years

Greatest Strength.....

Greatest Weakness -----

Moses was a great preacher... Jesus better

IMPORTANT HERE.....

TWO TITLES FOR JESUS

APOSTLE – ONE WHO IS SENT TO REVEAL GOD

HIGH PRIEST – THE ONE WHO BRINGS RECONCILIATION

Moses my well have built the house of Israel, but God made Moses

Moses' invitation was to come out of bondage

Jesus initiation is to be free forever

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

Family of God
Household of faith

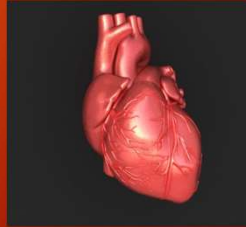
House an Allegory

- 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



Google heart. All about a physical thing

Supplies the blood pressure to circulate around the body

A heartbeat about 3 billion times in a lifetime. Of 70 years

There are things we can do to it. Both good and bad

Food low in fat and sugar – good

Exercise in moderation – good

water– good

Smoking - bad

sitting on your butt all day – bad

drinking 40 ounces of mountain dew three times a day – bad

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

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 whole reason for being built is to house the soul. That will return to God IF...

We are partakers of the heavenly calling v1

] THE HEART HAS ACCOUNTABILITY.....

Revelation, Reconciliation

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. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; ⁶ 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.

Written to the Hebrew Christians outside of Jerusalem (All had left)

Written to the Hebrew Christians in a Roman world living by Greek standards.

Written to those who share in the heavenly calling VERSE 1

But were moving in the wrong direction

Their hearts were becoming like the house of Moses. Hard, obstinate, complaining, unrest.

Their hearts were

- Confusing faith from feelings

- The had a hard time determining if their faith was real

- They were fighting a fight to endure in their faith

- They were suffering from Wilderness disease .

 - There hearts were slowly turning into stone

Verse 7-8

What was going on was they were simply ignoring God’s voice Hear Revelation

They wanted to have a nation but a nation ruled and conformed to their own image, their own prideful expectation

- They wanted revelation by their standards.... Rebellion

- They have not know my ways.

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

Christians are those who have moved from REVELATION to RECONCILIATION

Share the Heavenly calling

From God– heavenly

Calling us toward -- leading toward God

Revelation to Reconciliation

Christians are those who have heard

Christians are those who have found the path

So we have a hope

Not in ourselves

We are all sinners

1000s of type of sinners

We are hopeless

Our calling is not dependent upon our own ways of doing things.

Our calling is dependent on something outside of ourselves.

CONSIDER JESUS

We try to tell others about Jesus, And expect them to consider Jesus

Doesn't work that way. We must reveal Jesus in our lives it is our revelation

2:1. WE MUST pay attention... no distractions

So the saved we must keep our house and our hearts in good shape.

We are God's house

He is the builder of the house

He is the owner of the house if we have shared in the heavenly calling

IF.....

If, there was no if, that would be cool.

The very existence of the IF says there is a possibility

WHY WOULD ANYONE PURPOSEFULLY OR FOR THAT MATTER, SLOWLY DO THE IF?

Hebrew Christians... why go back...

To all Christians Why go back....

How can we endure

How can we persevere?

How do we distinguish faith from feelings?

How do we determine if our faith if real?

What can I do to endure in our faith?
How do I avoid the hardening of my heart?

How do we keep from stiffening up our hearts to the poor?
How do we ignore our human intellect and realize what is better?
How do we ignore our emotions until they are flat?
How do we stifle the joy that dwells within us.?

Jesus is better than the Angels

Therefore...

Conclusion

Pay most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

We can't ignore the if

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



Tools for Heart health

Find a specific place and time for heart exercise Psalm 88:13 141:2

Quality over quantity

Open the Bible and let it soak in

Ask God to help you understand John 14:26

Open your heart to transformation James 1:25, Philippians 4:9

Encourage others Hebrews 3:12

