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TO ENDURE, Consider Jesus. TO PERSEVERE, Live Like Jesus (Part 1)

A meditation on Hebrews 3:1–6.

According to scholars, the authorship is attributed to Apostle Paul, with Barnabas, Apollos, and Priscilla linked as potential authors. Thematically, it is about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, and how this should motivate us to endure faithfully in trials. The recipients were a group of second-generation Jewish believers in Jesus Christ, who were tempted because of persecution to go back to Judaism. These believers are more prone to an outward, go-through-the-motions kind of religion as opposed to a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The inadequacy of surface religiosity must be replaced by an enduring faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.



NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

January 21, 2024

**The Lord's Prayer (Part 1):
Our Father Who Art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name**

Matthew 6

PREACHER

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^{v1}Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

Therefore – Based on all the evidence given thus far, Jesus is indeed who He claimed to be, the Son of God.

Holy brothers – is referenced in 2:11 “For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,”. We are set apart unto God from the world. Sanctification/holiness can be seen from 3 positions:

1. we have once and for all been set apart unto God at the moment of salvation
2. we are progressively being sanctified as we grow in godliness
3. when we finally see Jesus, we will be totally sanctified forever, so that we will never again sin

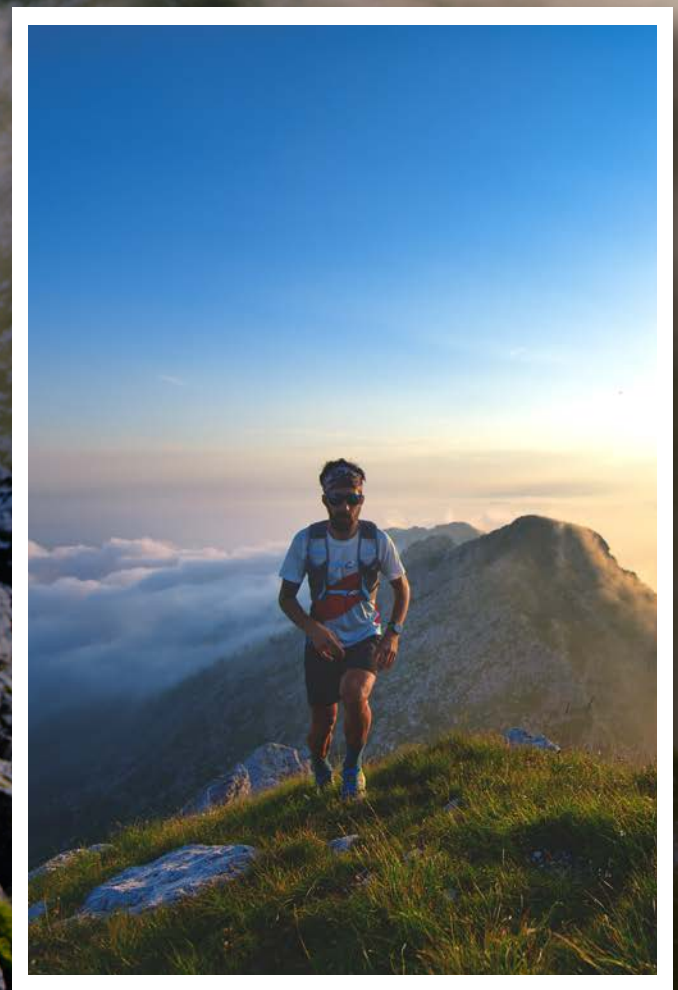
You who share in a heavenly calling,

– Our calling is not of man or human will or desire, but of God. This originates from God, and the destination ends with/at God. The evidence of this (holy calling) must be a God-ward life. We are not to be bound or focused by anything or any persons on this Earth. In light of these, what excuse or reason do we have to live any less a life? Let us examine our lives. Being a Christian is hard work but it comes with the promise of eternal rewards.

Consider Jesus, – Stop. Forget about what you think you know about Jesus. Take your time now, think and meditate about and observe Jesus. Really get to know Him. Get intimate with Him. Make

an effort to do so. Why? Through whom has God revealed Himself to man? He is the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; “Apostle” literally means, one who is sent under authority. We can only know God through Jesus, who is God and who was sent by God. All that Jesus did and spoke on Earth was from God. Jesus is God revealed, or God made alive in man. Where we could not see, God says, ‘here, see, my Son’. As the Apostle = brings God down to us. As the High Priest = brings us up to God.

Confession – a statement of belief and of our faith. Remember it is not mental assent or acknowledgment of God, because an authentic confession must mean Christ exists in every atom of our being. We think, feel and act Christ, every day, every moment.



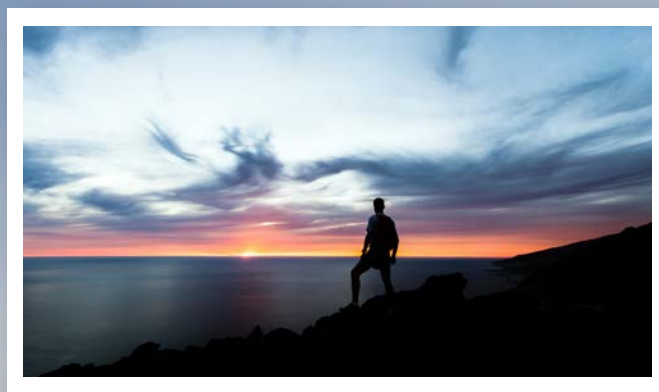
who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

While this may seem strange to us... how can Moses be compared to Jesus? It was not strange to the people back then, as Moses was HIGHLY revered as a key person in Israel's history. Paul is reminding the believers back then that, yes, they continue to revere Moses, but Jesus is in another league altogether.

The similarity though is that both Moses and Jesus obeyed God, and while Moses killed an Egyptian, tried to turn God down at least 4 times at the burning bush and struck the rock instead of speaking to it, thereby nullifying his entry into the Promised Land, Jesus on the other hand, was the perfect and obedient servant in every way.

While Moses is a great man of God... Jesus is God. Jesus is the builder of the house = the builder of all things is God = Jesus is God

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.



Not only were their roles inherently different, but Moses and Jesus were different from their very origins. One was man, imperfect and the other was both man and God united in perfection. Staying in the imagery of a house, servant, and son, Moses served in the house... that God built (v3)... that belonged to God and his Son, Jesus... and Jesus owned the house. Ephesians 2:21-22 "in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. – there is a condition, that points to our perseverance as the test of a true believer... it is more than knowledge, service, thoughts, words, and works. It is sacrificial because perseverance has to do with long-term, life-long, dying to self. It is the description of a person who has counted the cost and deems it a small price to pay to give up even the valid things of this life, in obedience, for eternal glory.



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Prayer for FBC in 2024

Pray for all in FBC to hunger for a deep abiding relationship for God. Pray that we will read, digest and meditate of God's word to live faithfully. That our prayers would be infused with biblical ambitions, honesty, and humility. Pray for the preaching of God's Word would be biblically careful and Holy Spirit imbued. That for a culture of discipling would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.

Pray God will grant the spirit of unity and diversity – loving those with whom we have nothing in common but the gospel. That transparent, meaningful relationships would become normal. Pray for FBC leadership would remain above reproach, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness. For the leaders grow in dedication to God's Word even when no one's watching. That faithful leaders would use Scripture to train members to do the work of the ministry.

