Considering Jesus Christ

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1. Consider Jesus Christ's Position (Heb. 3:1).

The writer of Hebrews is explaining to these new believers the qualities that make Jesus worthy of their worship.

All of the things that He has done should cause us to *consider* Christ. The word (Greek: *katanoesate*) means *to give careful thought and consideration to something*. The author is clear: Pay attention and put into your mind everything about Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ stands alone as the Sent One. He is superior to Moses for He brought a greater message, better covenant, and He Himself was not just the Messenger but the Message!

Moses was never a high priest. But, here the Hebrew's author states that Jesus Christ is our High priest for He is the One who dealt with sin in the most perfect and proper way. He is the Mediator between God and man, and through His blood brings man to God.

2. Consider Jesus Christ's Faithfulness (Heb. 3:2)

One of the great characteristics about Jesus Christ is His faithfulness. Every duty, every task, and every action that His Father assigned to Him (*appointed*), Jesus Christ responded with perfect responsibility, accountability, and trusting obedience.

Jesus Christ is the model of faithfulness for He is the faithful Apostle and High Priest.

3. Consider Jesus Christ's Superior Glory (Heb. 3:3-4)

Moses was faithful, but based on the work and character of Christ, He, Jesus Christ, has superior glory and honor.

Moses' leadership and the undertaking of his great responsibilities made him the unquestioned guide of his people, but he was still part of the nation under the head of God Himself.

Jesus Christ stands above Moses for He built the house while Moses was a part of the house.

So then to hold on to the old covenant which was but a type or shadow of the real thing doesn't make any sense when one can have the real thing: Jesus Christ.

4. Consider Jesus Christ as Son (Heb. 3:5-6)

Moses was still just that: a servant. He came for a time, was used for a time, and even pointed to that which God would declare in the future.

A servant is temporary for they come and go. See <u>John 8:35</u>. Moses, as great as he was, still remained a servant. Judaism pointed to Christ, but the Jewish religious activity is incomplete without Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews is essentially saying that without Christ, one has the OT without the NT. They have the shadow without the real thing. If the Hebrews rejected the real thing, the shadow is worthless. And as long as people remain in Judaism they remain incomplete in their understanding and beliefs about God. For God spoke through His SON (Heb. 1:2)! This is what Moses pointed to and witnessed of!

Conclusion

We can conclude that Jesus Christ as Mediator of the new covenant is superior to Moses the mediator of the old covenant for Jesus is a Son and Lord over His entire house whereas Moses was a faithful servant in that house. Therefore, we should ask ourselves:

- 1) Are we truly believers in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2) Are our eyes on Jesus Christ?