

A Study of the General Epistles

NT Survey Lesson 145—Hebrews 3

Introduction: In this chapter the Hebrew writer declares the superiority of Jesus to Moses to further encourage His readers to “consider Him”. Just as the Israelites had failed to listen with faith to Moses’ teaching, so now he warns his readers not to duplicate their sin by unbelief.

Lesson aim: To warn against the danger of falling away from the Lord by unbelief.

Jesus’ glory, as Son over God’s house, is greater than that of Moses, a servant in God’s house—Heb. 3:1-6

1. What does the Hebrew writer urge his readers to do? (v. 1) How is Jesus described?
2. What characteristic of Jesus is mentioned in v. 2? Whose else had this same characteristic?
3. Why is Christ worthy of more glory than Moses? (v. 3) What is the writer’s point in the statement, “Every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God”?
4. What position did Moses have in the Lord’s house? (v. 5) For what purpose did he occupy this role?
5. How is Christ different from Moses? (v. 6) What is the house of the Lord? What must be true in order for one to be in the Lord’s house?

A warning against the dangers of unbelief—Heb. 3:7-4:13

1. From what passage does the Hebrew writer exhort his readers? (v. 7-11) What kind of heart does he warn them about having? (v. 12)
2. Can one fall away from the living God? (v. 12) How can this be prevented? (v. 13) What causes people to be hardened?

3. We are partakers of Christ, if we do what? (v. 14)
4. Who had provoked the Lord in times past? (v. 16) With whom was the Lord angry? (v. 17)
5. To whom did God swear that they would not enter His rest? (v. 18) What was it that caused them not to be able to enter? (v. 19)