Hebrews 3

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(In this chapter – we either believe in Jesus as God, or we don't. There is no in-between)

- **3** Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, <u>Christ Jesus</u>; (You either believe that Jesus Christ is God with us our Savior; or you don't believe. There is no in-between)
- ²Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. (Jesus was faithful to the Father, because He was God, like the Father. How could He be disloyal to Himself?)

(There is one God. HE has many offices. When God said – Let us make man in our image – He created the office of Jesus Christ. That is, He begat Himself into the flesh through Mary. That's why Jesus said – If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. They are the same God in a different form. God didn't ask us to do something that He wouldn't do Himself. The only difference is that Jesus did it perfectly – a flesh life without any sin)

(Jesus called Himself – the son of man. HE was God in the flesh. It was men who called Him the son of God)

NOTE: (It appears that Paul believed that Jesus was God's son. Paul was not a prophet. He was a Bible teacher. Isaiah, the prophet, knew that Jesus was God in the flesh. The word Immanuel means God with us) see Isaiah-7:14

(Moses was also faithful to God, as were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) see Numbers-12:7

³ For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. Numbers-12:6-8 (Moses was a type for Jesus in that he saved Israel from slavery in Egypt)

(Jesus is greater because He saved all people spiritually, for ever. All we have to do is join Him, believe in Him and repent for our sins)

⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. Zechariah-6:12-13, Revelation-21:20-24

- ⁵ And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; (Moses was a type for Jesus; a pre-cursor for the coming of Messiah)
- ⁶ But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. (But Jesus built the house. The church of Christianity is made up of the people who believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him)
- Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Psalms-95:7-11 (Open your spiritual eyes and ears. Hear God's call)
- ⁸ Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (Don't fall for the temptations of the world)
- ⁹When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. (The Israelites tempted God over and over with their disobedience and complaining. They provoked God over and over; so that He finally let that generation live in the wilderness for their whole lives. They were victims of fear and not trusting in God. It was their children who got to enter the Promised Land, 40 years later)
- ¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. (They were doubters of God's Word. Their fear got the best of them. They even wanted to return to bondage in Egypt for its comforts)

NOTE: (The Israelites brought punishment upon themselves. Had they obeyed God, they could have entered the Promised Land immediately. Instead, that generation lived and died in the wilderness)

- ¹¹ So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) (God's rest is peace of mind and peace of spirit. When we understand why we're here and where we are going, we can rest easy and live peacefully in this world)
- ¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (God requires faith from us. Be on your guard. Do not let the world draw you away from God. Keep your faith intact. Keep your salvation)

- ¹³ But <u>exhort one another</u> daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (Teach one another; help one another; encourage one another)
- ¹⁴ For we are made <u>partakers</u> of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; (partakers = associates) (If we remain faithful to Christ until the end, and don't fall away)
- ¹⁵ While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. (Hear God, not the world)
- ¹⁶ For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. Numbers-14:1-3 (A few heard God <Caleb & Joshua>, but the rest of them didn't)
- ¹⁷ But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? (They died in the wilderness because they refused to believe God. It grieved God, but they made that decision for themselves)
- ¹⁸ And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? (At Kadesh-Barnea, they doubted God, and could not enter the Promised Land for a generation)
- ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in <u>because of unbelief</u>. (Learn from their mistake)