

July 20

Scriptures: Read Hebrews 3

Key Verse: “Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself” (Hebrews 3:3) (NIV).

Overview

As was stated in the introduction, this book was written to inform and/or remind Hebrew believers in Christ that Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary was superior to any previous sin offering. In chapter three, the author refers to creation as God’s “house” (vv.2-6) and he discusses the role Moses, Jesus, and the believer all play in that structure. Jesus built the house; Moses wrote the house rules; and you and I not only live there — for us it’s home — but we, the church, are at the same time the house itself. This is not to say that we are the sum total of all creation, but we are the crowning achievement of God’s creative act. We’re the only ones who are created “in His image”.

But the point is this: even though Moses gave us the “law”, his word is of lesser value than the word of the Builder Himself. In terms of what the author has just said in chapter two, the Builder has also become an occupant of the house and is just like the other occupant. He speaks to them on their level and in terms they can understand. He has come with new plans for a new structure and wants to lead all inhabitants into a new creation where the old house rules no longer apply. He wants to lead us out the door (where, ironically, He Himself is the Door) to our eternal dwelling place, our new Home. Anyone who insists on the old way will never discover the New Way.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the builder of our lives. We recognize that You are the architect, the General Contractor, and all the sub-trades too. Help us not to attempt a “Do-it-yourself” building. We need You today and every day.