

GOD'S HOUSE

HEBREWS 3:1b-6

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Moses was like a rock star to the Jews because he had such a special relationship with the Lord. Now for these Hebrews, dreadful persecution was looming and the temptation to turn back to the Mosaic rituals of the Old Covenant was appealing to them. We have previously seen that Judaism was an earthly calling with an earthly inheritance. Christianity is a spiritual calling with a spiritual inheritance. John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Hebrews. p.75.

JESUS IS OUR APOSTLE. “An apostle is a ‘sent one’ who has the rights, power, and authority of the one who sends him. Jesus was sent to earth by the Father.” The MacArthur Study Bible, footnote on Hebrews 3:1. As our Apostle, Jesus represents the Father to us. As our High Priest, He represents us to God. (**Hebrews 3:1, fn 3:1[1st], Ephesians 2:19-22, fn 2:20, Hebrews 2:17, 18, fn 2:16, 17, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:14, Hebrews 7:23-28, fn 7:27**) *How is Jesus to you both an Apostle and High Priest?*

MOSES WAS FAITHFUL AS A SERVANT. JESUS IS FAITHFUL AS A SON. Faithful Old Covenant believers looked forward to the coming Messiah. Faithful New Covenant believers now enjoy the inward presence of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. (**Hebrews 3:2-5, fn 3:2, 3, fn 3:5, Numbers 12:7, John 1:17, fn 1:17, II Corinthians 3:13-18, fn 3:18, Ephesians 1:13-23, fn 1:22, 23**) *How could being in the company of other believers (God's house) help you to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit?*

WE ARE GOD'S HOUSE for His house is not a location or a building but believers in whom He dwells by His Holy Spirit. If we remember that God is dwelling in us, we have confidence of our salvation and the faithfulness of Jesus Christ as our Apostle and High Priest. However, if we do not spend daily intimate time with Jesus, we may forget and doubt our faith. (**Hebrews 3:6, fn 3:6, Hebrews 2:1-3, fn 2:1, I Corinthians 3:16, 17, fn 3:16, 17, John 10:28, 29, fn 10:28, 29, Mark 1:35, fn 1:35-37, Psalm 5:1-3, fn 5:1-3**) *How do you respond to the Lord's urging to have an intimate daily quiet time with Him in His Word?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?