

Jesus is Greater: A study of Hebrews

Week Five

Greater than Moses

Hebrews 3:1-6

January 31st, 2021

For His Glory and our joy!

TEXT:

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Message Notes:

A little levity about mittens...

Introduction – *"Who's the G.O.A.T.?"*

Review of Hebrews 1-2

Jesus is all that!!

Jesus > OT Prophets

Jesus > Angels

Jesus' Gospel > Old Testament Law

Jesus = 100% Human

Jesus = 100% God

Jesus > the situations OT prophets wrote about

Today's Message:

Jesus > Moses

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Consider Jesus

Hebrews 3:1a

Whom we confess as apostle and high priest

Hebrews 3:1b

Apostle

John 3:16-19

John 20:21

High Priest

Hebrews 10:11-14

Jesus compared to Moses

Hebrews 3:2

Jesus > Moses

Greater Honor

Hebrews 3:3a

Deuteronomy 34:5-8, 10-12

Builder is greater than building

Hebrews 3:3b-4

Moses faithful as servant

Hebrews 3:5

Numbers 12:4-8

Jesus faithful as Son

Hebrews 3:6a

Jesus Over (not in) God's house and we are that house

Hebrews 3:6b

Therefore, we hold fast

Hebrews 3:6c

Gospel Application – *How will you this week consider Jesus with regard to:*
COVID
POLITICAL DIVISIVENESS
ISOLATION
SELFISHNESS

Scripture Passages (unless otherwise noted, from the NIV)

John 3:16-19

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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Hebrews 10:11-14

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Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Quotes:

Whenever “high priest” occurs in Hebrews, the Day of Atonement stands in the background. Jewish sources indicate that the high priest was regarded as the fully accredited representative (חֲלִיפָאן) of God before the people on that solemn day (*b. Qidd. 23b; Ned. 35b; Yoma 19a–b*).

The translation of חֲלִיפָאן into Greek would be ἀπόστολος.¹

Hence in 11:23–28 Moses will be included among the heroes and heroines of the past who have been driven forward by their faith in God’s future. They had not themselves received that inheritance, but Moses, like them, “looked to the reward” (11:26) that lay ahead and that was to culminate in Christ (12:2). He was privileged to be granted a vision of the Christ who was to come (11:26–7). The way the author of Hebrews treats the figure of Moses both in chapters 3 and 11 epitomizes the way he approaches scripture. Both are faithful and trustworthy witnesses to Jesus. Both, however, are subject to him, since he is the subject of their revelation.²

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In both respects Jesus has proved himself faithful—a faithful high priest (cf. 2:17) and a faithful envoy. The faithfulness of an envoy consists in his loyal discharging of the commission with which he has been entrusted; and such faithfulness was manifested preeminently in the Sent One of God, who glorified his Father on earth by finishing the work which he had given him to do (cf. John 17:4). The combining of the two roles of divine envoy and priest in one person is not common in the Old Testament; it appears only in a few outstanding characters, among whom Moses occupies a special place. That Moses was an apostle of God to his people does not call for demonstration; it is equally true that he was his people’s most effective intercessor with God. It was his brother Aaron, and not he, who was high priest of Israel as far as title and investiture were concerned; but it was Moses, and not Aaron, who was Israel’s true advocate with God. After the idolatrous festival in honor of the golden calf, in which Aaron himself was implicated, it was Moses whose prevailing plea procured pardon for his guilty people (Ex.

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The sphere of Moses' ministry was "*in* all of God's house," meaning that his authority and leadership extended over all God's people at that time. He, however, was a part of that house as a servant rather than an heir. The purpose of his role was to point to later revelation, anticipating the fullness of God's revelation in the Son. Christ, on the other hand, was "*over* God's house," not in it. Servants have an obligation to faithfulness, but sons have a special, vested interest in and authority over the house. Jesus displayed a filial kind of faithfulness as the Lord and founder of his house, the new covenant people of God.⁵

⁴ F. F. Bruce, [*The Epistle to the Hebrews*](#), Rev. ed., The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990), 91–92.

⁵ George Guthrie, [*Hebrews*](#), The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998), 128.







**Joe Biden
becoming
president**

**Bernie Sander
on a chair**

















WHEN THE HEATER ON THE BAPTISTRY GOES OUT



The GOAT meets the Kid in the Super Bowl

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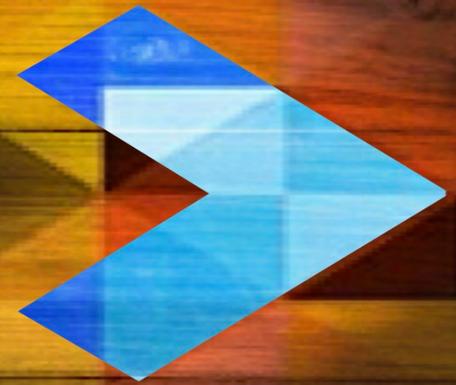
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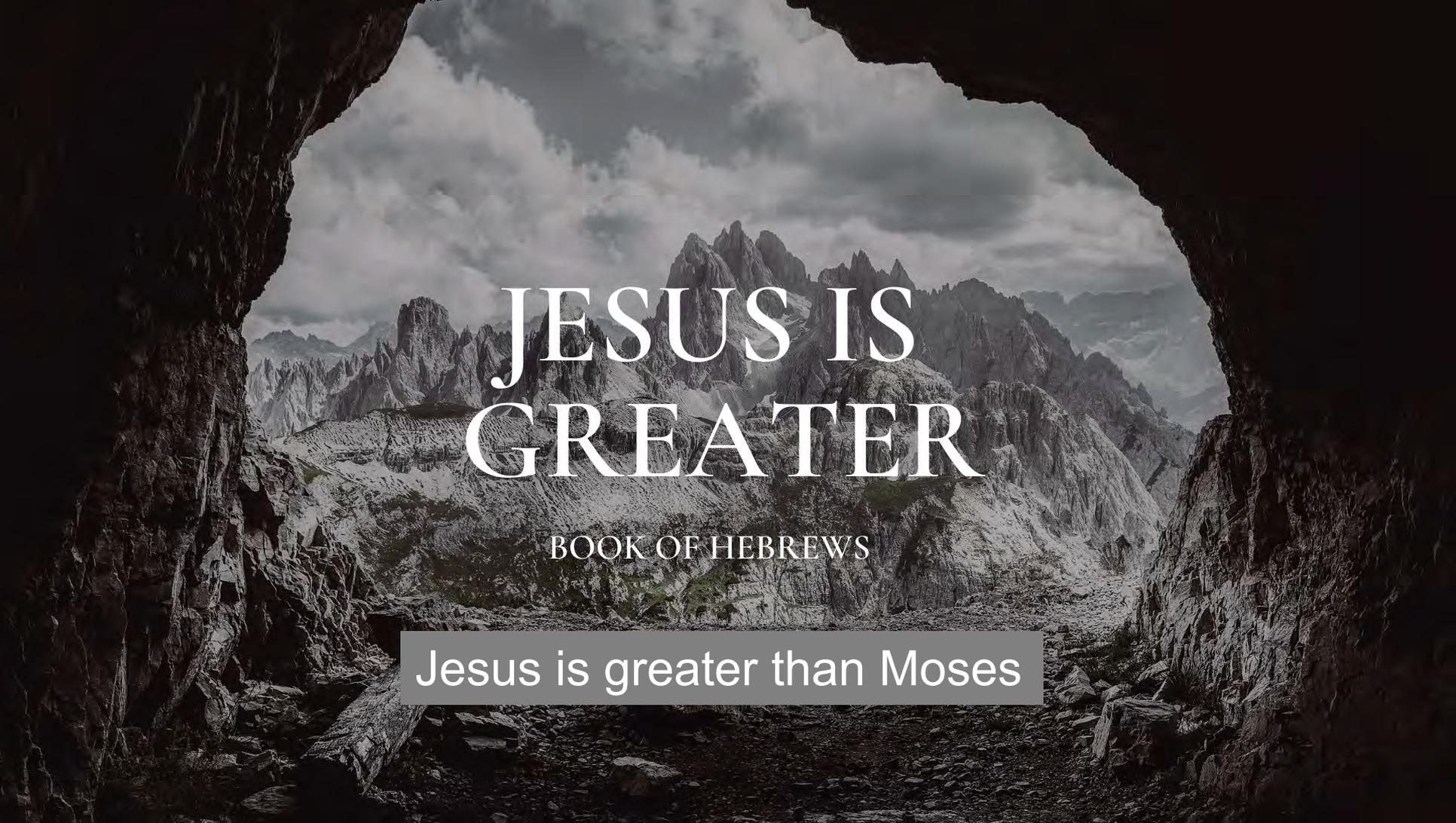
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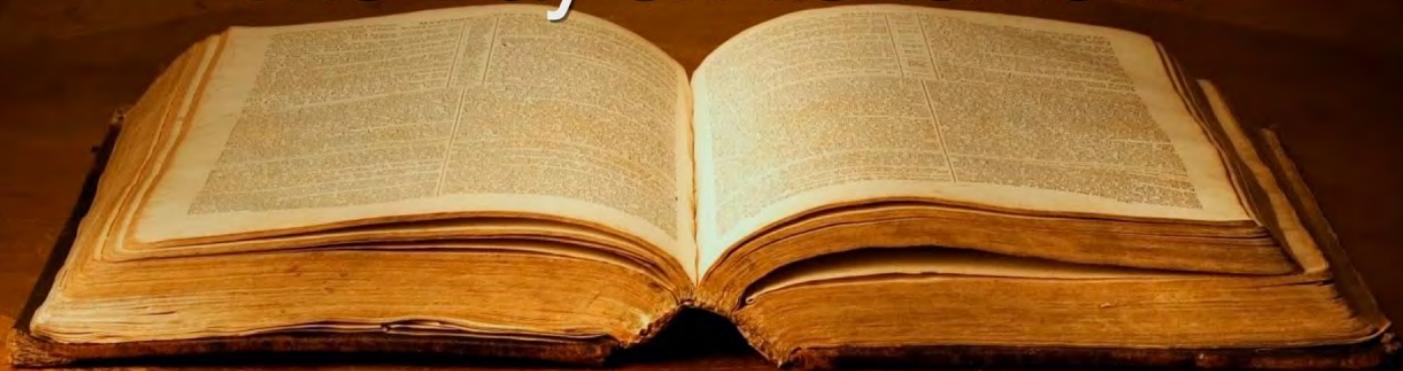
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Yom Kippur
The Day of Atonement



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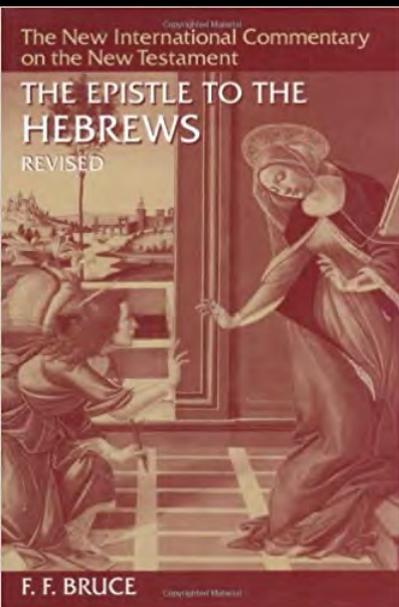
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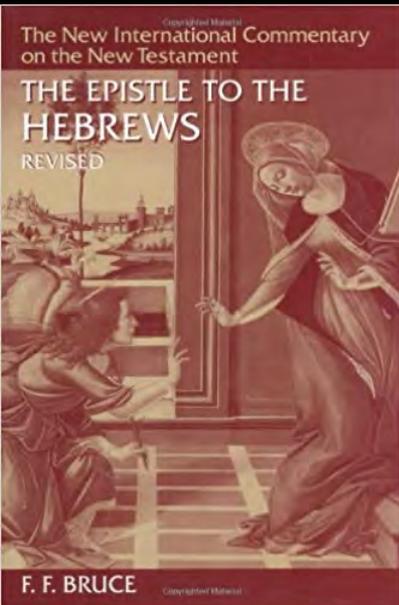
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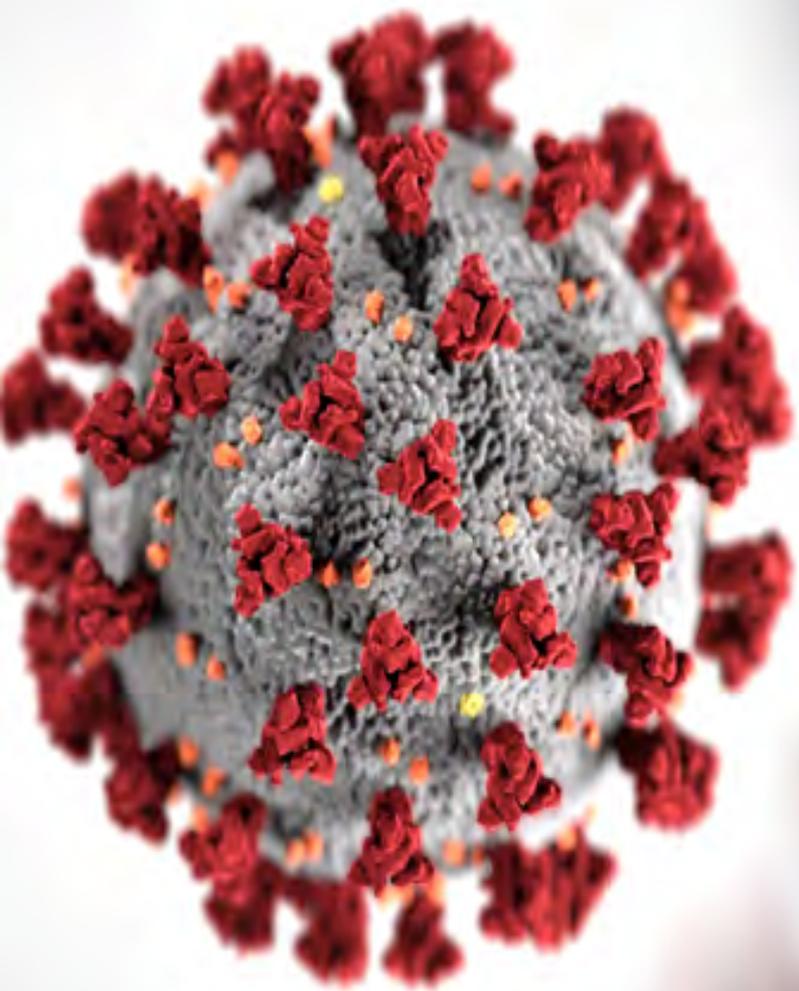


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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019





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