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HEBREWS 3: JESUS IS SUPERIOR...(TO MOSES)

Introductory Statement: Although the author of this book is not specified, its content is consistent with the other Pastoral and Catholic letters, and it references many passages from the Old Testament. The author of the book of Hebrews directs his audience's attention to the supremacy of JESUS CHRIST (in comparison to divine beings, OT High Priests, Moses, and other significant and highly regarded individuals), and the importance of starting and finishing the Christian life with equal fervor.

Summary Points:

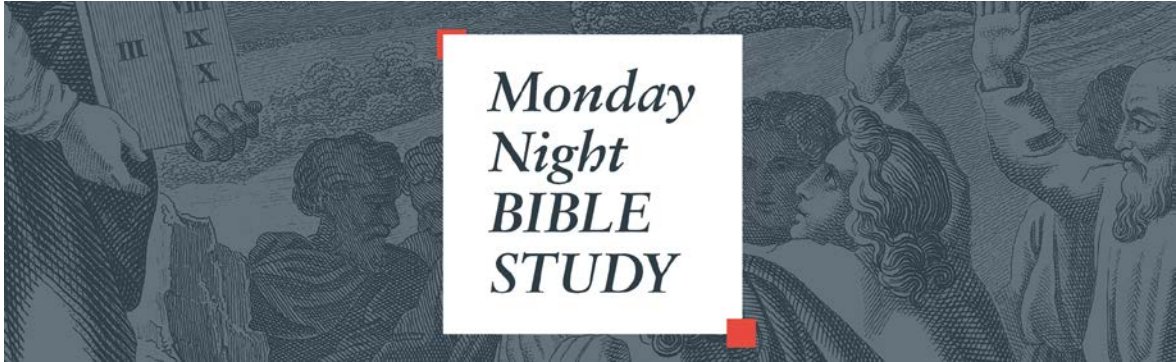
- Who is Moses? Why is he significant?
- Why is JESUS esteemed more highly than Moses?
- How can I fix my focus on JESUS?

Objectives: Today we will spill the T.E.A. on this chapter and allow GOD's word to impart to us truth, warn of wrong doing, highlight what we're doing right, and teach us how to live good lives.

T – THE TEXT (LET'S READ THROUGH THE PASSAGE ENTIRELY) – [NEW LIVING TRANSLATION]

E – EXPLANATION (LET'S HIGHLIGHT KEY THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS)

1. Verses 1-4
 - A. The author is writing to fellow Believers
 - i. **Brothers** and **Sisters** (Brethren) – indicates a shared, like faith in JESUS CHRIST as LORD and SAVIOR
 - ii. **Made Holy** – separate, unique, different
 - iii. **Heavenly Call** – participate in a heavenly, divine calling



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a. Called unto GOD HIMself – Romans 8:30

²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn^[a] among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

b. Called to salvation – 1 Corinthians 1:26

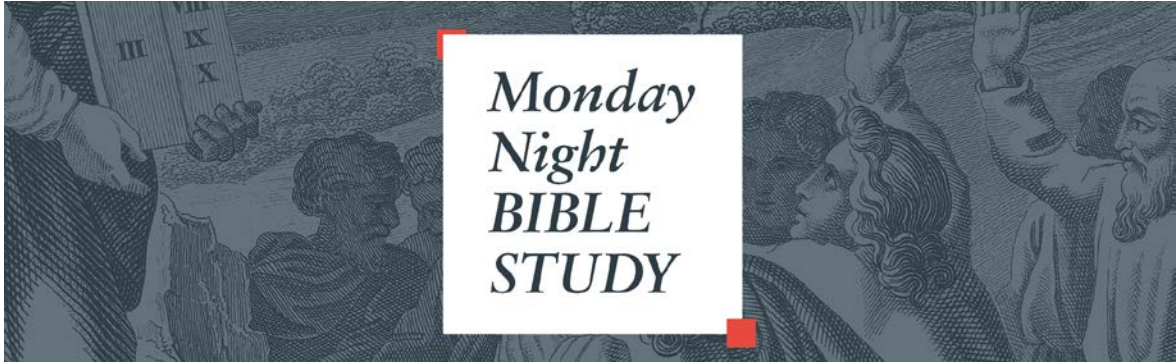
²⁴ But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,^[f] Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy^[g] when God called you.

c. Called to fulfill HIS designed purpose – Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together^[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

d. Called to be Righteous (in Right-ness) with HIM – Romans 8:30

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- e. Called to a life of peace – Colossians 3:15

¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

- f. Called to a life of freedom (liberty) – Galatians 5:13

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

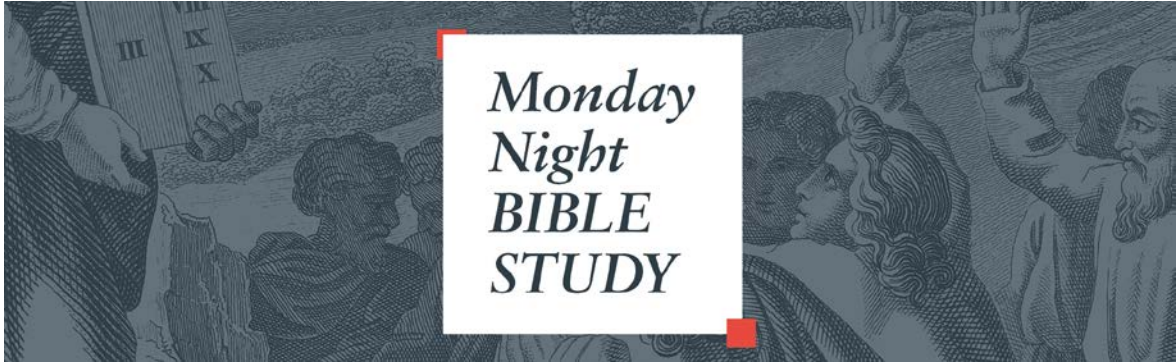
- g. Called to share in HIS eternal glory – 1 Peter 5:10

¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

- h. Called out of darkness into HIS marvelous light – 1 Peter 2:9

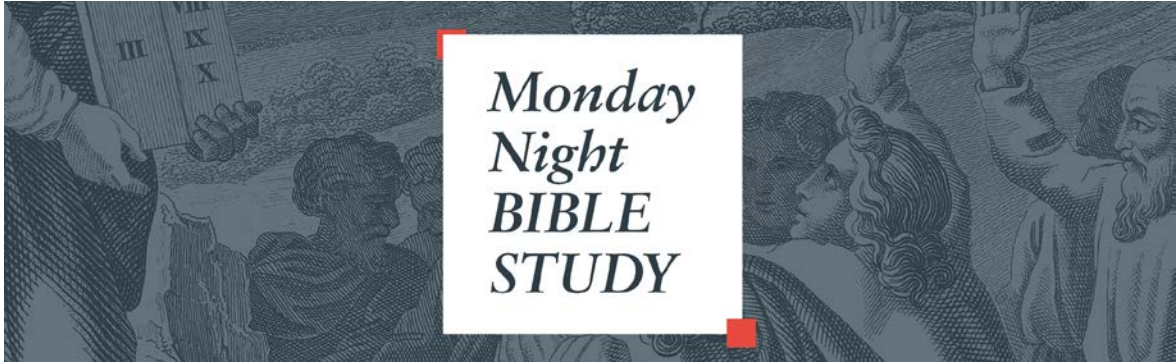
⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests,^[a] a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

- B. The author instructs Believers to fix (fasten) their thoughts fully onto JESUS
 - i. JESUS CHRIST is more essential to us than anyone else in our lives – Matthew 10:37



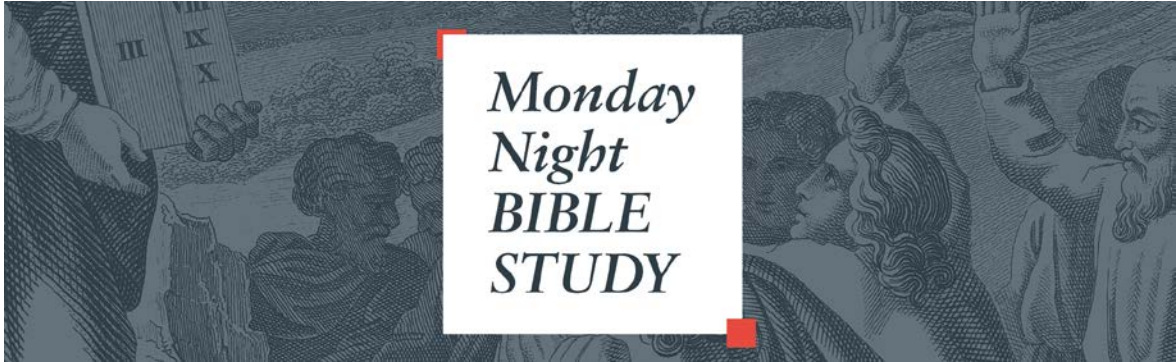
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- ii. Seek (search diligently for) HIM is essential to growing in HIM – Psalms 27:8
 - ⁸ My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”
And my heart responds, “LORD, I am coming.”
 - iii. Set our minds (affections) on things heavenly things – Colossians 3:1-2
 - iv. Meditate on HIM (HIS Word) continuously – Joshua 1:8 (NLT)
 - v. JESUS is...
 - a. the SON of GOD – John 3:16-17; Luke 22:70
 - b. the full expression of GOD in bodily form – Colossians 1:15,19
 - c. the CREATOR of all things – Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3,10
 - d. GOD – John 1:1; 5:18
 - e. Savior – John 1:11-12; Romans 10:9,13; Acts 4:10-12; Romans 5:8; 6:23
 - f. before all things – John 8:54-59; John 17:4-5
 - g. faithful to the FATHER – John 17:4
 - c. GOD Orchestrates and Builds all things and is to be honored above all
 - i. All things are created for HIS pleasure – Revelation 4:11
2. Verses 5-6
- A. Moses modeled faithfulness to GOD in what was entrusted to him.
 - i. Background of Moses (Exodus 2)
 - a. Born a Hebrew in Egypt (after the days of Joseph)



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- b. Hidden and saved from Pharaoh's edict of murder
 - c. Drawn from the water and raised as a prince in Egypt
 - d. Killed an Egyptian for beating a fellow Hebrew
 - e. Pharaoh heard about the murder and Moses fled
 - f. Moses marries and starts a family
 - g. Hebrews cry out to GOD because of Egyptian oppression
 - h. GOD responds by calling Moses to deliver the Hebrews
 - i. GOD works through Moses with Miracles, Signs, and Wonders
 - j. Moses faithfully serves GOD and leads the Hebrews out of Egypt
 - k. Moses was the recipient of GOD's law which was passed on to the Hebrews
- B. Moses' work with the Tabernacle, along with the work of the priests and high priests, was a foreshadowing of JESUS
- C. Moses vs JESUS CHRIST
- i. Moses was a Servant – JESUS is the SON of GOD
 - ii. Moses was Created – JESUS is the Creator
 - iii. Moses predicted GOD's plan – JESUS fulfilled GOD's plan
3. Verses 7-19
- A. Keep your hearts soft and tender towards GOD
- i. Unbelief and complaining will turn your heart against GOD (Numbers 20:1-5)
 - ii. Sin will harden your heart against GOD (1 Samuel 8:1-9)
 - iii. An evil and unbelieving heart will turn you away from GOD (Exodus 32:1-9)

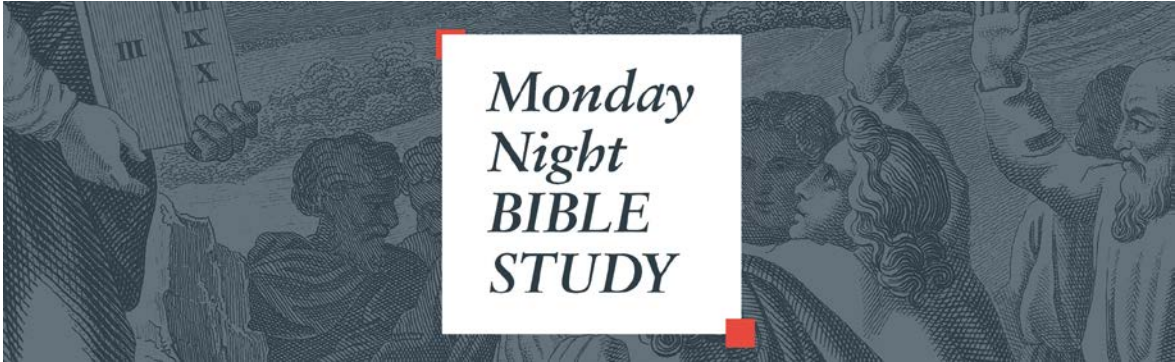


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- b. Be Faithful until the end
- c. GOD promises a rest to those who remain faithful

A – APPLICATION (LET’S SEE HOW WE CAN APPLY THIS TEXT TO OUR LIVES TODAY)

1. Recognize and engage our brothers and sisters in the Lord JESUS CHRIST
 - A. Love genuinely – Romans 12:9-18
2. Practice the outward flow of HIS character that is within you (Holiness) – Romans 13:14
3. Make willful, deliberate, intentional actions to prioritize JESUS and avoid sin – Hebrews 12:1
4. Continuously learn about the LORD JESUS CHRIST – Hebrews 10:25
5. Live as you are called and for GOD’s pleasure – Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:12
6. Watch out (warn) other Believers – Galatians 6:1



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HOMEWORK

- I. Read through the book of Exodus to discover more about Moses and his leading the Hebrews (children of Israel) out of Egypt.

- II. What are some steps that you will embark upon to grow in your knowledge of JESUS CHRIST?

- III. What is one thing that you will take away from this study that you can share with someone who might ask you about Hebrews 3?

