

“Behind The Veil”
Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13
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The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)

The Believer’s Calling Cannot Be Founded On The Law For The Law Spoke Of Christ, (vs. 5)

Message Emphasis: Many today make themselves a servant to Moses by attempting to please God in the keeping of rules. Because Moses pointed the way to Christ, we must do as he did; be a faithful servant of Christ embracing our salvation by Christ’s work ALONE.

“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.” (John 5:45-46, ESV)

5.1) If We Are To Follow Moses, We Must Follow Him Completely & Trust In Christ As He Did

Our Text Says, “Moses Was Faithful In All God’s House As A Servant” - 1) *“Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” And the LORD heard it... 2)* *And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. 3)* *Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. 4)* *Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” (Numbers 12:2-9, ESV)*

1. There are those who do not wish to follow what Moses has ultimately said – *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” (Romans 12:3, ESV)*
2. When God speaks, He is consistent with Himself. He will not contradict His own word – *“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.” (2 Peter 1:19-2:2, ESV)*
3. Moses stands as an example of something greater than his own work; his relationship with God – *“By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:24-27, ESV)*
4. Those who would seek to “rewrite” Moses would do well to listen to what God is saying – *“Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:7-18, ESV)*

5.2) If We Are To Follow Moses, We Must Listen To The Message That He Has Given Us; Believe In Christ As Lord

Our Text Says, “To Testify To Things Spoken (Fut.Pas.Part) Later” - 1) *“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. 2)* *And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 3)* *And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:18-19, ESV)*

1. Moses stands as a foreshadowing of Christ - *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers – it is to him you shall listen – ” (Deuteronomy 18:15, ESV)*
2. Christ is the One who comes to declare salvation by faith; not Law – *“for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment – what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”” (John 12:43-50, ESV)*
3. Failure to listen to Christ will incur the righteous judgment of God – *“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’ – when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:20-22, ESV)*

*****What Must I Do To Be Saved? *****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can you be found pleasing to God.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22) “They called to the LORD, and he answered them.” (Psalm 99:6, ESV) “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” (Romans 10:13, ESV)

5. The Believer's Calling Is Proven True In Christ If We Hold To Christ & Not The Law, (vs. 6)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**