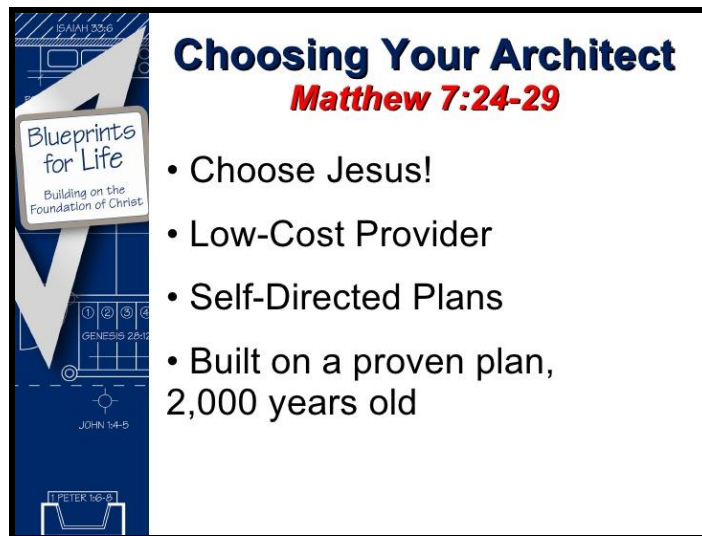


FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY
UNIT TWO –THE SOVEREIGNTY OF JESUS CHRIST...

**“NOW TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS’
SUPERIORITY?”**



Choosing Your Architect
Matthew 7:24-29

- Choose Jesus!
- Low-Cost Provider
- Self-Directed Plans
- Built on a proven plan,
2,000 years old

Sunday School Lesson No. VI– October 9, 2016
Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher

- Lesson Text:** Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29
- Required Reading:** Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:19-29
- Motto Text:** Hebrews 3:4, *“For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.”*
- Reliable Resources:** Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Logos Electronic Bible Software; Hebrews by Dr. H. A. Ironside; Thomas Nelson Bible Notes; Hebrews...The Supremacy and The Sufficiency of Christ by David Jeremiah

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, the longevity of anything can only be established with the right material, and above all, the kind of foundation it is built upon. Paul the apostle wrote in I Corinthians 3:11, *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* And so in our present lesson, we are challenged as the Hebrew writer seeks to establish the words of God in chapter 1:1-4, *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”*

According to Jarl K. Waggoner of Union Gospel Press: “In his proclamation of the greatness of Christ, the unknown author of the book of Hebrews presented the Lord Jesus as superior to Moses. While doing this may seem unnecessary to us, it was important that the Jewish reader of this epistle understand the supremacy of Christ over Israel’s revered lawgiver, for the New Covenant Christ instituted was infinitely superior to the covenant brought to the nation by Moses centuries before (Heb. 8:6).

In setting forth Christ’s superiority over Moses, the author employed the metaphor of a house (Heb. 3:1-6). He praised Moses for his faithful service in ‘his house’. Moses’ house refers to the household of God – that is, God’s people, Israel. This was Moses’ place of service – among God’s chosen people – and he faithfully discharged his duties. Christ, however, was worthy of more glory, or honor, because He built the house. In fact, He built both the household of Israel in the Old Testament and the household of the church in the New Testament.

The point is that Moses was a servant in the house that was built by God. Clearly, the builder of the house is greater than the one who serves in it.”

Dr. David Jeremiah assists us in seeing our message with clear vision and insight. He writes, "Among Jewish people in biblical times as well as today, Moses was the hero of their faith, and rightly so. But compared to and contrasted with Christ, Moses is the lesser of the two. That is not to detract from Moses but to elevate Christ to His rightful place as Son of God and Son of Man."

Anticipated Power Points...Now Tell Me, What Do You Think About Jesus' Superiority?

- **As it Relates to the Christian. Hebrews 3:1a**
- **As it is Revealed from God. Hebrews 3:1b-2**
- **As it Resembles but Surpasses the Life of Moses. Hebrews 3:3-6**
- **He is Rock Solid throughout Eternity. Matthew 7:24-29**

LESSON OUTLINE

"Now Tell Me, What Do You Think About Jesus' Superiority?"

I. As it Relates to the Christian. Hebrews 3:1a. We are established as:

- A. "Holy," set apart as saints!
- B. "Brethren," members of a very unique family or household in God, through Christ. Romans 8:17, "*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*"
- C. "Partakers," those who have totally and willingly digested Christ and all He represents and presents to His own.

II. As it is Revealed from God. Hebrews 3:1b-2

The Hebrew writer reveals two major points about Jesus Christ and His superiority. Reflecting on previous recorded truth in chapters 1 and 2:

- A. Christ is God's Apostle – ("Sent One")
He was sent by the Father and is the sender of all who receive Him (Jn. 20:21b) to fulfill His purpose.
- B. Christ is the believer's High Priest, who mediates between the believer and God our Father. I Timothy 2:5 says, "*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*" Hebrews 7:25 tells us, "*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*"

III. As it Resembles but Surpasses the Life of Moses. Hebrews 3:3-6

If the Jewish Christians had any human hero, it was faithful Moses. According to Dr. David Jeremiah, "Moses was held in such high esteem by the Jews:

1. Because of the Life He Lived.
2. Because of the Leadership He Provided.
3. Because of the Lord He Knew.
4. Because of the Law He Was Given.
5. Because of the Legacy He Left.
6. Because of the Lowliness He Exhibited."

Remember Moses was given the blessing of being the chief steward in the establishing of God's House (people) Israel, from their early beginnings unto their coming of age, 40 years of faithful service. But the great contrast is that Jesus Christ is not the servant or manager of God's house or heritage as Moses was. He is the Son over the house and co-owner of the heritage given by Jehovah His Father. (Read Psalm 2). "**Now Tell Me, What Do You Think About Jesus' Superiority?**" We must build on Him and Him alone.

IV. He is Rock Solid throughout Eternity. Matthew 7:24-29

This is illustrated in the closing words of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus declares only those who build on the unchanging foundation will be able to have eternal confidence in the world to come!

Closing:

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness...On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." "**Now Tell Me, What Do You Think About Jesus' Superiority?**"

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