

## In Every Way Jesus Is Superior:

### Fix Your Thoughts

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In a hostile environment?

Fix your thoughts. “Apply your mind diligently” – Give Jesus your attention. THINK about him and his work; ongoing and deliberate observation.

In a comfortable environment?

### Questions for discussion and application

- Read Hebrews 3:1-6. Make some careful observations. What do you see in this passage? What stands out to you? What encourages or challenges you? You don't have to arrive at any conclusions, just say what you see.
- In Hebrews 3:1-3 What does it mean to “FIX your thoughts on Jesus”? What is involved in that?
- What are the things the author of Hebrews says we “confess”? Why are these two ways of identifying Jesus so important to confess (own up to and embrace again and again)?
- Why is Jesus compared with Moses? What illustration does the author use when comparing Jesus and Moses?
- What was at stake for first century Jews who left Judaism to follow Jesus as Messiah? How might a clear understanding that Jesus is greater than Moses help them persevere in their faith? Why is it equally important for us today?
- What does Hebrews 3:6 tell us to “hold on to”?
- How are you going to maintain your confidence and commitment to Jesus in a hostile environment? A comfortable environment?
- How were you personally encouraged and / or challenged by Hebrews 3:1-6?

### Hebrews 3:1-6

#### 1. Fix your thoughts on Jesus (Hebrews 3:1-3)

Fix your thoughts = fasten something securely onto something else. Direct your eyes, attention or mind steadily / unwaveringly toward something.

*The Apostle* = sent one

*and High Priest* = mediator; one who represents God to the people and the people to God.

- Exodus 33:11! “*face to face...as a friend.*”
- Numbers 12:6-8

Imagine Moses as a treasure box!

What did Jesus say ABOUT Moses? John 5:45-47, 6:32; Luke 24:27

What did Jesus say TO Moses? Luke 9:28-33

## 2. Jesus is greater than Moses (Hebrews 3:4-5)

**Moses** = was a temporary servant  
**Jesus** = is the eternal son

**Moses** = was a witness, testifying to Jesus  
**Jesus** = is the one Moses spoke of and prepared the way for; the better and fuller revelation that was to come.

**Moses** = was a faithful steward  
**Jesus** = is the owner

**Moses** = a part or piece of God's message and plan of redemption – not the whole thing, not the complete story. He points forward to a fuller revelation at a later time in and through Jesus.

**Jesus** = is the fullness of it! He's the whole thing.

## 3. Hold on to Jesus (Hebrews 3:6)

Hold *fast / tight / firm to the end (endurance)*.

We hold tight AND drink deep.  
We hold tight AS WE drink deep.

*“Take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do.”*