

Study Notes and Questions for Hebrews 3:1-6

- The phrase “holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling” (3:1) unites three strands of truth found in 2:10–12. What do these verses say about holiness, the family of God, and sharing in the heavenly calling?
- “**consider Jesus**” (3:1). This phrase means to thoughtfully and attentively consider. It implies both concentrated attention and continuous observation. The idea is: Put your mind on Jesus and let it remain there, so that you may understand who He is and what He wills. Why is this so important for believers? Why do you think it’s so difficult?
- What do you learn about your heavenly calling (see 3:1) from the following passages?
 - Philippians 3:20–21
 - 2 Timothy 2:12
 - Revelation 21:1–4
- **Apostle** (3:1). Literally means, “**one who is sent**”—a messenger, proxy, or ambassador. In Jewish law, the *apostolos* (Greek) or *shaliach* (Aramaic) was “a person acting with full authority for another” in a business or legal transaction. Moses was considered God’s shaliach in establishing the covenant between God and Israel, while his brother Aaron was the high priest who mediated between God and mankind in the sacrifices. Jesus is both the shaliach and the high priest of the new covenant. What does this tell you about Him?
- How is Jesus uniquely qualified to be the ultimate high priest, representing mankind before God (see 2:17–18)?
- Moses and Jesus are alike in that both were “faithful” to the One who appointed them (3:2). God said Moses was faithful in all His house. How did each man demonstrate faithfulness?
- Why was Jesus’ act of faithfulness greater?
- When the author says “**we are his house**” (3:6), who is he referring to, and what does he mean? (Optional: See Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 Peter 2:5.)
- Notice the word **Hope** (in 3:6). This Greek word does not refer to wishful thinking, (“I hope the weather is nice this weekend) but rather something a person fully expects with confidence. Why is confidence so important?
- Consider the “if” clause in 3:6. What are some practical ways of “holding firmly” to the confidence and hope of which the author speaks? How can you strengthen your faith and confidence?