

Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#09 – “The House That Jesus Built”

– Hebrews 3:1-6

I. Introduction

A. Going back can be a good thing.

1. Reasons

B. Going back can be a bad thing.

1. The Hebrew Christians were tempted to return to Moses and the Law.

2. Abusive relationships

a. Moses cannot save. He can only make known why you need a Savior.

C. Today’s text – Hebrews 3:1-6

II. Exposition

A. Hebrews 3:1

1. “Holy brethren.” Note the shift of address. The writer does not include himself in the admonition.

a. More forceful

b. Holy brethren harks back to Hebrews 2:11. The designation highlights their inclusion in the visible commonwealth of God – the Church.

2. “Apostle”

a. Used by the writer of Christ Alone.

1. John 3:17,34; 5:36; 10:36; 11:42; 17:3

3. “High Priest” – only one to enter the Holy of Holies.

B. Hebrews 3:2

1. Moses is unique among the prophets.

a. Numbers 12:6-8

C. Hebrews 3:3-4

1. Builder of the house has more honor than the house itself.

2. Moses is a part of the house that Christ built.

3. Moses was the law-giver

a. Law was about Jesus – Matthew 5:17

b. Moses wrote of Christ – John 5:45-46

c. Manna delivered by Moses was about Christ

– I Cor. 10:4

d. Jesus was the bread – John 6:32-35

e. Moses testified of Christ – Deuteronomy 18:15

f. John MacArthur

D. Hebrews 3:5-6

1. Warning – Don’t turn back. They have everything to gain by staying and everything to lose by leaving.

2. Addressed as believers, but may not be believers.

a. I John 2:19

3. Keeping gaze upon Christ

a. I John 3: 2-3

III. Points for Reflection

A. The true people of God throughout human history are all part of God’s house.

1. Romans 11:16-22; Ephesians 2:19-22;

B. As faithful as Moses was to God’s commands, he was still not the Son.

1. Hebrews 3:5-6; John 8:35

C. How do we know that we are really part of God’s house?

1. Hebrews 3:6; Hebrews 2:3a; I John 2:19; John 8:31;

John 6:39; II Corinthians 13:5; II Timothy 4:10a