

Sermon # 652

- **Heb 2:14-18** ¶ Inasmuch then as the **children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same**, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and **release those who through fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but **He does give aid to the seed of Abraham**. 17 Therefore, in all things **He had to be made like His brethren**, that **He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people**. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, **He is able to aid those who are tempted**.

Heb 3:1 ¶ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

- Understanding who we are in light of who Jesus is and what He did is essential for a healthy Christian life.
- **Heb 2:11** For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for that reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
- Apostle; the term is like our word for ambassador. God's representative, God's messenger.
- **Heb 1:2** has **in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
- Consider; means to look intently into to learn from
- The message is plain: consider this. Consider that God loves you so much He sent the ultimate Messenger, Christ Jesus. Consider also how important it is for you to pay attention to God's ultimate Apostle, who is Christ Jesus.
- As the Apostle, Jesus represented God to man, and as the High priest He now represents man to God.
- Confession;
- **Ro 10:8-10** But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that **if you confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**.

2 **who was faithful** to Him who appointed Him, as **Moses also was faithful** in all His house.

- House as it is used here is referring to a Spiritual house of God's people.

3 For **this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses**, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

4 For **every house is built by someone**, but **He who built all things is God**.

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house **as a servant**, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,

- **De 18:15** ¶ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a **Prophet** (*Jesus*) like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

6 but **Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

- The point being made If God built all things and Jesus built God's house, then Jesus Christ must be God!
- **1Pe 2:5** you also, as living stones, are **being built up a spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "**Today, if you will hear His voice**,

8 **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 **Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me**, And saw My works forty years.

- **De 29:5** "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

10 Therefore **I was angry with that generation**, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'

11 So I swore in My wrath, '**They shall not enter My rest.**'" (*Ps. 95:7-11*)

12 **Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;**

13 but **exhort one another daily**, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For **we have become partakers of Christ** if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

15 while it is said: "**Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.**"

- "Unbelief is not inability to understand, but unwillingness to trust... it is the will, not the intelligence, that is involved." (Newell)

16 **For who, having heard, rebelled?** Indeed, **was it not all who came out of Egypt**, led by Moses?

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? **Was it not with those who sinned**, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, **but to those who did not obey?**

19 **So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**