Wednesday Morning Senior Adults Bible Study
THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
July 15, 2026

HEBREWS 3

Review of Chapters 1-2

- Jesus is superior to the _____.
- Jesus shared our humanity as flesh and blood so that by his death he broke the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the _____—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their _____ of death.

3:1-6 — Jesus Is Worthy of Greater Honor than Moses

3:1 — Therefore (because of the points above), fix your _____ on Jesus We acknowledge him as our apostle and _____ _____.

- *We don't usually think of Jesus as an apostle. "Apostle" means "one who is sent out"—like a missionary, ambassador, or official representative. In what sense is Jesus "our apostle"?*

3:3 — Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than _____.

- Why? (See 3:5-6.)

3:6 — Christ is _____ as the Son over God's house.
3:6 — Which people are God's house?

Tracking the IFs…

- We are God's house if we…

3:7-19 — Don't Turn Away from the Living God

Background: Exodus 17:1-7

These events took place in the second month after Moses led Israel out of Egypt. The Israelites were on their way to Mt. Sinai (where God gave Israel the 10 Commandments), then to the promised land, Canaan.

- In what way did the Israelites "test and try" God?

- What did God do to resolve the situation?

• *If your Bible's footnotes or commentary notes tell you (or if you can find it online):* What do the names "Meribah" and "Massah" mean?

Background: Numbers 14

These events took place a little over a year after Exodus 17:1-7. On the edge of the promised land, Moses had sent spies to scout out the land. They had just returned with a report of huge people and fortified cities too great to be conquered.

• In what way did the Israelites rebel against God?

• How did God punish the Israelites? And for how long?

Background: Psalm 95:7-11

This psalm was written by David (Hebrews 4:7), who lived around 1040-970 BC, about 400 years after Moses; it was written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God (3:7, 4:7). The psalm recalls the events of Exodus 17:1-7 and Numbers 14.

• What does this psalm warn God's people not to do?

• What was wrong with the Israelites' hearts when they rebelled?
- 95:8 —
- 95:10 —

• 95:11 — What did God swear about the rebellious Israelites?

3:12 — What does the writer warn his readers <u>not</u> to do?

3:13 — What does the writer urge his readers <u>to</u> do?

Tracking the IFs…

• We have come to share in Christ <u>if</u> we…

3:19 — What happened to the Israelites who had been rescued from Egypt but then disobeyed God?

Calls to Faithfulness

The main message of Hebrews is a call to remain faithful to God in spite of difficulties and persecution. What two calls to faithfulness are given in chapter 3?

• 3:6 —

• 3:12-14 —

• How does fixing our thoughts on Jesus (3:1) help us remain faithful in these ways?