

“Greater Than Moses”

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As We Gather

We continue our study of Hebrews. This letter is a written sermon to believers who were struggling with their faith. They were being tempted to go back to a life without Jesus, a life rooted in the unfulfilled promises and pictures of the Old Testament. The writer of this letter seeks to show them in many ways that Jesus is better, not only better than what they had before, but better than everything.

Today we focus on the relationship between Moses and Jesus. Moses is a model of faithfulness as a servant of the Lord. Yet our text calls us to fix our thoughts on Jesus who is greater than Moses, for Jesus came to fulfill and complete what God worked through Moses. What does this mean for us as we fix our thoughts on the Savior?

Welcome

Gathering

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory the King above all kings

Chorus

Chorus

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life,
that I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory the King of glory

Chorus x2

Invocation

Baptism of Raegan Lloyd

“This I Believe”

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high **Chorus**

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord **Chorus**

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus **Chorus**

Prayer

Service of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:9-18

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: John 5:31-47

³¹ "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ "You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶ "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ "I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

Sermon

"Greater Than Moses"

Offering

Ministry Moment

Mission India

“Beautiful”

I see Your face in ev’ry sunrise
The colors of the morning are
inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You’re beautiful

Chorus

Oh Oh You're Beautiful

I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and
galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars
It’s all proclaiming who You are
You’re beautiful

Chorus

I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then You died and then

You rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You’re beautiful

Chorus

When we arrive at eternity’s shore
Where death is just a memory
and tears are no more
We’ll enter in as the wedding bells ring
Your bride will come together and we’ll sing
You’re beautiful

Chorus x2

I see Your face in ev’ry sunrise
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You’re beautiful

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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Prayer

Benediction

"King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain
where I run
The fountain I drink from, oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow
where I hide
The ransom for my life, oh, He is my song

Chorus

You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside
my sails
The anchor in the waves, oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside
my veins

The echo of my days, oh, He is my song
(Repeat verse)

Chorus

Bridge

You're never gonna let,
never gonna let me down
x8

Chorus

Bridge

You're never gonna let,
never gonna let me down
x4

Chorus

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are His
house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the
hope in which we glory.

Hebrews 3:6

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