

RESTING IN THE PERSON, POWER, AND PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

A Study of Hebrews chapter's 3-4 by Pastor Walter Lucas

Hebrews chapter 3 and verse one gives us three things;

- The Call to Consider the Person of Christ.
- The Communication to Christians. This is seen in the use of the term “Brethren”.
- The Admonition of Invitation given by the use of the word “consider”.

The word –”Consider” – κατανοέω ; katanoeō kat-an-o-eh'-o as we see it in 3:1 means --to observe fully: - to behold, consider, discover, perceive, -a fastened gaze of awakened interest and steady contemplation.

“Our consideration must be more than just a glance. There must be a sharpened look of contemplation. We have to take time to sit before him and be content to give time to our gaze upon him, if we are to get any good out of it. It requires us to come apart into a solitary place and rest a while with him. There is no way by which we can bring an unseen person to have any real influence upon our lives except by the direction of our thoughts to him.” Expositions of Holy Scriptures-by Alexander McLaren

The verse reads; ...” **consider** the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; “

Meaning of the word CONSIDER, in the Book of Hebrews

- 3;1 κατανοέω katanoeō kat-an-o-eh'-o -to observe fully: - behold, consider, discover, perceive.;
- 7;4 θεωρέω theōreō theh-o-reh'-o -to be a spectator of, that is, discern, (literally, figuratively [experience] or intensively [acknowledge]): - behold, consider, look on, perceive, see.
- 10;24 κατανοέω katanoeō kat-an-o-eh'-o -to observe fully: - behold, consider, discover, perceive.
- 12;3 αναλογίζομαι analogizomai an-al-og-id'-zom-ahee -to estimate, that is, (figuratively) contemplate: - consider

Meaning as it is used in other passages in the Bible

- Matthew 6:28 καταμανθάνω katamanthanō kat-am-an-than'-o -to learn thoroughly, that is, (by implication) to note carefully: - consider.
- Luke 12:24,27 κατανοέω katanoeō kat-an-o-eh'-o -to observe fully: - behold, consider, discover, perceive.
- John 11:50 διαλογίζομαι dialogizomai dee-al-og-id'-zom-ahee -to reckon thoroughly, that is, (generally) to deliberate (by reflection or discussion): - cast in mind, consider, dispute, muse, reason, think.
- Acts 15:6 εἶδω eidō i'-do A primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent, properly to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perfect only) to know: - be aware, behold, X can (+ not tell), consider, (have) known (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wist, wot.
- II Timothy 2:7 νοιέω noieō noy-eh'-o -to exercise the mind (observe), that is, (figuratively) to comprehend, heed: - consider, perceive, think, understand

We must look at **five items** out of this verse before we attempt to move forward into chapter 4. The power of living the Christian life in the way the Hebrew writer describes can only come from a deeper contemplation of the source of this power. This source is the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ as shown in this scripture. Our contemplative meditation develops as follows. w1

Heb. 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the **Apostle** and **High Priest** of our **profession, Christ Jesus**;

Consider His Position.

1. Consider the **Apostle**

Apostle only used here to describe Christ-apostle= sent one. Cf. John 20:21...Father hath sent me...

2. Consider the **High Priest**

Needful for communion between God and man. Cf. I Tim. 2:5...one mediator between God and men..

3. Consider our **profession**

That which we profess, confess, and embrace. Cf. I Tim. 6:12...professed a good profession ; Heb. 4:14... let us hold fast our profession ; Heb. 10:23... Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;

4. Consider the **Christ**

He is the Messiah of God, from the Greek word Christos, anointed one. Cf. John 1:41...the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

5. Consider **Jesus**

The Author and Finisher of our faith. Cf. Heb. 12:2...Jesus the author and finisher of our faith

Verse two gives us a couple of considerations about the Person of Jesus Christ.

- A. He was and is faithful.
- B. He was and is worthy of glory - MORE! Glory - than Moses.

WHY?

Because He is not only God's appointee, but also the builder of His house.

The builder is more honorable than the house. Verse 3. ...inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

This builder is God. Verse 4. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

Moses was a faithful "servant".

See Verses 5-6

- 1. (appointee; compare the words "as also," in verse 2)
- 2. In all "His" house -verses 2 and 5.

Compare this with the book of Numbers 12:7 to answer the question, "in Whose house?"

Num. 12:7 "My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful **in all mine house.**"

Moses was appointed over God's house.

...But...

Note verse 5 contrasts with verse 6.....

Christ is faithful **over His own house** while Moses was faithful **in all "His" house.**

- ✓ Heb_3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.
- ✓ 1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Vs. 7. Wherefore....

(Verses 7-11 are inserted as a parenthetic illustration from the Old Testament and are also used in I Corinthians 10: esp. note vs. 6, 11 in the Corinthians passage)

❖ Now, pickup with verse 12 ff. in Hebrews chapter 3 and it will read as follows;

Vs. 7. **Wherefore.....vs.12-Take heed, brethren....**

Be on our guard because... unbelief leads away from God!

Note*-There are 4 basic categories of human beings;

- 1-Unbelieving Unbelievers-Atheists
- 2-Believing Unbelievers -moral and Works oriented
- 3-Unbelieving Believers -born again by faith but not operating by faith
- 4-Believing Believers -born again by faith and operating (living) by faith-compare Galatians 2:20, 21

Next Lord's Day topic:

Believing faith and Praying faith, is there a difference?

Illustrative Text - Luke 18:1-14

Note: verse 8 is nestled between two sections about prayer/praying; Establishes the context.

A closing admonition for us today;

- **Joh_20:27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing.**
- **Mark 9:24** **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**