



Christ the Most Notable Apostle

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TODAY'S READING: Hebrews 3

When you hear the word *apostle*, what comes to mind? Maybe Jesus' disciples whose lives He poured into when He walked the earth? I'm sure most of us would resolve to this end. However, the author of Hebrews describes the fullest use of the word, one being sent, meaning, Jesus was sent by God to reveal the Father to mankind. Jesus had to be made like man, flesh but without sin, to become their Great High Priest. Jesus' faithfulness in these roles made Him more worthy than anyone before Him.

"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. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:3-4 NKJV).

The author gives great encouragement for his readers to embrace the teaching and commands of our Great High Priest, Apostle, Advocate and Savior. He warns us not to be like the stiff-necked Israelites that wandered in the wilderness due to their rebellion.

"Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'" (Hebrews 3:8-10 NKJV).

My friends, we belong to Christ Jesus, our Great God and Savior. We must diligently seek Him and follow Him to the best of our ability. You see, Jesus is the Head of His Church. Jesus He is the Head of His Holy Priesthood, where we are all the modern-day priests that make up the Body of Christ. Therefore, let us walk worthy of our calling in Him.

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" (Hebrews 3:12-14 NKJV).

Very sobering words that we need to reflect upon, because as long as we live on this side of Heaven, we will be tempted, and we will fall short of God's Glory. Do not allow yourself to become hard-hearted. Instead, seek forgiveness and direction for your life and live your one and only life through Christ. This will enable you, as much as it depends on you, to live peaceable among all mankind.

PRAYER: Father in the Heavens, Jehovah God, we thank You for sending Jesus, Your Apostle and our Great High Priest, to rescue us from a certain death that was warranted through our sin. Father, please continue to open our hearts and minds to the leading of Your Holy Spirit. Father, please incline our souls to Jesus and help us make Him Lord of our lives. In His name we pray, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

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