



The Greatest

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TODAY'S READING: Hebrews 3

"I am the greatest!" The infamous words from 21-year-old Muhammad Ali, Cassius Clay at the time. The words are from a poem penned and recorded by Ali in 1963 in preparation for his fight with Sonny Liston. Ali would win the fight and became the youngest boxer to take the title from a reigning heavyweight champion. Ali was the greatest until he wasn't. He would go on to lose matches during his career. The honor of being the youngest boxer to take the title from a reigning heavyweight champion would later go to Mike Tyson. His feats were truly admirable from an athletic perspective, but the actual Greatest does not lose.

When we look at scripture, it is important for us to step back and look at the author and audience of the text. There is great significance in the author's writing that Jesus is greater than Moses. Moses was a messianic figure for the Jewish people as he led the people out of their Egyptian captivity towards the Promised Land. Similarly, Jesus came to earth as the atoning sacrifice to redeem His people from the bondage/captivity of sin and death. There are incredible parallels between Moses and Jesus.

Tom Brady, Michael Jordan, Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps, and countless others have been deemed the greatest of all time, or GOAT, in their sports. The same could be said of actors, singers, musicians, and directors. The truth is that others will probably break their records and be deemed the new GOAT. It is inevitable. Here is the bottom line...there is no one greater than Jesus! No one is coming again to do what he has already done. He fulfilled the law and brought about the new covenant. Others will be replaced, but Jesus never will. He is greater than Moses and all other characters throughout the Bible. We look to Him as the source of living and Him alone for our salvation. What is the response to today's passage? It is praise. Today, spend some time in prayer as a response to the greatness of Jesus Christ.

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

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