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## Consider Jesus (3:1-4:13)

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### Consider (3:1-6)

1. In this section, the preacher invites listeners to consider Jesus and his superiority to Moses. Based on 3:1-6, what are some similarities and differences between Jesus and Moses? Why is it important for the preacher to compare Jesus and Moses?
2. What is the function of a priest? An apostle? How does Jesus meet the requirements of priest and apostle? (see 2:14-18)
3. Review the following OT passages: Deut. 34:10-12; Exod. 34:29-35; Num. 12. How was Moses regarded not only in the history of Judaism but also in the eyes of Yahweh?
4. What is implied in the concluding sentence of this section: “And we are his house *if* indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope”?

### Guarding Hearts (3:7-19)

5. In the exhortation section (3:7-4:13), the preacher appeals to the example of Israel in the wilderness from Psalm 95, where he extrapolates present day application (the preacher takes the word “today” in this psalm literally). What significant event in Israel’s history is the preacher alluding to in this Psalm (Exod. 17:1-7)? Why would this story resonate with the original audience? Does this story resonate with you?

6. Based on the original audience's circumstances, what are some ways their hearts could be hardened by sin's deception? How can we avoid an evil, unbelieving heart?
  
7. Consider the series of rhetorical questions (3:16-18). What are three ways the author describes Israel's unfaithfulness? Based on the context, what was the primary reason they were unable to enter "his rest"?

#### Rest (4:1-10)

8. The exhortation now moves from Israel's past failures to the present-day New Testament church. The OT does refer to the Promised Land as rest (Deut. 12:9; 1 Kgs. 8:56). What "rest" is the author referring to? (think of David's location when he writes Psalm 95).
  
9. Define "united by faith" in the context it was used in 4:2.
  
10. Was Canaan truly a land of rest? Why or why not?

#### Powerful Words (4:11-13)

11. The wilderness generation was unable to enter the rest because of the hardening their hearts. They were unable to believe God was true to his word, not willing to faithfully trust God's powerful words. List 5 truths implied about the word of God.
  
12. How does the word of God prepare us today for future entrance into his Sabbath rest?