

# Life Application Notes

Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> (West End)/15<sup>th</sup> (Central) October 2017

**Speaker:** Chris Kilby

**Scripture:** Hebrews 3:1-19

**Series/Title:** Jesus >. Jesus is the Greater Moses.

## Introduction

**Jude 1:21 says:**

*‘Keep yourselves in the love of God as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.’*

The implication here is that there are things that we can actively do to keep ourselves warmly connected to Jesus.

**Question:** ‘What kind of activities keep you in the love of God?’ i.e. keep you close to Jesus.

*Now read together Hebrews 3:1-19*

## Moses – The Greatest Jewish Hero

Remember, we are not quite sure who wrote Hebrews. It was possibly a friend of Paul because it mentions Timothy and also carries lots of Pauline style. It was written between 55-70 AD (after Romans). Other possible authors are Apollos, Barnabas, or maybe even Luke. One of the early church fathers, Origen of Alexandria, a Greek scholar and early Christian theologian said ‘God alone knows who wrote it’! Whoever it was, they want their predominantly Jewish readership, and us too, to begin to see the magnificence of Christ when compared to every other hero, even the great Jewish hero Moses.

V2 Says ‘Moses was faithful in all God’s house.’

**Question:** In what ways was Moses faithful?

*(Possible answers! - He responded to God’s call, he led the whole nation out of slavery even though he had doubts, he stood up to Pharaoh, his family opposed him)*

**Question:** How can we know that Moses had an unusually intimate relationship with God?

*(Possible answers can be found in Numbers 12:6-8 – He heard the audible voice of God, he saw God face to face, God spoke clearly to Moses, not in riddles)*

Read Exodus 12:31-42: As a group, how would you describe this ‘exodus’? (see if everyone can add one sentence to the description, then read it all together.

## Jesus – The Greater Moses

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*‘When you see a stunning house, you don’t congratulate the house, but you celebrate the builder’*

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### Read Hebrews 3:3

**Question:** What features of Moses can we honour more in Jesus?

Moses was faithful ‘in’ God’s house (3:2), whereas Jesus was faithful ‘over’ God’s house. (3:6)

**Question:** What is the difference and does it matter?

**Question:** What are the similarities and differences between Moses Exodus, and that of Jesus?

## Three Steps to Keep Yourself in the Love of God

Step 1 – Read Hebrews 3:12 – This one is your responsibility to yourself.

Step 2 – Read Hebrews 3:13 – This one is your responsibility to others. Encourage the person on your left.

Step 3 – Read Hebrews 13:1 – This one is our great delight and privilege. Go for it and pray together.