

# 希伯來書淺談

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第四課: 神的安息 – The Rest of God (3:1-4:13)

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## Recap

- Nature of the Son 1:1-4
- Status of the Son 1:5-14
- Salvation through the Son 2:1-4
- Sacrificial work of the Son 2:5-18
  
- Made fully human... became a merciful and faithful high priest (2:17)
  - 成為仁慈忠信的大祭司
  
- The author starts focusing on characters of the Son
- Consider Jesus... who was faithful to the one who appointed him (3:1-2)
  - 你們應該想想耶穌... 他忠於那位委派他的
  
- Faithfulness of the Son 3:1-4

## Faithful 忠誠

- How do you define (下定義) faithful?
  - Loyal 忠心
  - Constant 不變, 一貫
  - Steadfast 堅定
  - Devoted 投入, 盡心
  - Trusty 可靠
  - Dependable 可信
  - Committed 承諾
  - Dedicated 專用
- 耶穌 … 好像摩西在神的全家盡忠一樣 (Hebrews 3:1-2)

## Moses

- A former Egyptian prince
- Turned prophet, religious leader and lawgiver
- Author of the Torah (traditionally attributed)
- Moshe Rabbenu in Hebrew, Lit. "Moses our Rabbi"
- The most important prophet in Judaism
  - Father of all the Prophets
- More humble than any other man
  - 摩西為人十分謙和，勝過世上所有的人 (Num. 12:3)
- Whom the Lord knew face to face
  - 他是耶和華面對面所認識的。(Deuteronomy 34:10)

## Moses

- 現在你們要聽我的話，如果你們中間有先知，我耶和華必在異象中向他顯現，在夢中與他說話。
- 可是，對我的僕人摩西卻不是這樣，他是在我全家忠心的。
- 我要與他面對面說話，是親自說的，不是用謎語；他必看見耶和華的形象 (Numbers 12:6-8)
- Most respected religious icon in Judaism

- 耶穌 … 好像摩西在神的全家盡忠一樣 (Hebrews 3:1-2)

Moses	Jesus
Faithful to God (3:2b)	Faithful to God (3:2a)
Faithful as a servant (3:5)	Faithful as a Son (3:6a)
A servant in God's house (3:5a) 摩西不過是個僕人	A Son over God's house (3:6b) 基督是兒子，管理自己的家

- God's house => people of God (Num. 12:7)
- Both faithful to God
- Jesus greater than Moses 耶穌比摩西更尊貴
  - Heir is greater than the servant

- 摩西不過是個僕人，在 神的全家盡忠，為以後要傳講的事作證；但是基督卻是兒子，管理自己的家。如果我們把坦然無懼的心和可誇的盼望持守到底，我們就是他的家了。(3:5-6)
- We may be considered part of the people of God *if* we hold fast 持守 to the Christian faith
  - If we prove faithful
- Jesus was faithful (3:2)
- Christian are meant to be faithful

## A Negative Example (3:7-19)

- The author quotes Psalm 95:7c-11
- 「如果你們今天聽從他的聲音，就不要硬著心，好像在曠野惹他發怒、試探他的日子一樣；在那裡，你們的祖先以試驗來試探我，觀看我的作為有四十年之久。
- 所以，我向那個世代的人發怒，說：『他們心裡常常迷誤，不認識我的道路。』我就在烈怒中起誓，說：『他們絕不可進入我的安息。』」
- Israel at Kadesh 加低斯(Numbers 13-14)

## Why was God so angry?

- Faithless of the people
- 弟兄們，你們要小心，免得你們中間有人存著邪惡、不信的心，以致離棄了永活的 神；趁著還有叫作「今天」的時候，總要天天互相勸勉，免得你們中間有人受了罪惡的誘惑，心裡就剛硬了。如果我們把起初的信念堅持到底，就是有分於基督的人了。(3:12-14)
- Not to follow the example of those fell in the desert
- Hold firmly to their Christian confidence
- Response obediently to God's voice

## Focus on Christ

- 因此，同蒙天召的聖潔的弟兄啊！你們應該想想耶穌，就是作使徒、作我們所宣認的大祭司的那一位。他忠於那位委派他的，好像摩西在 神的全家盡忠一樣。(3:1-2)
- Faithfulness is encouraged by a healthy focus on Christ
  - 你們應該想想耶穌
  - Jesus, the ultimate example of faithfulness
    - Incarnation
    - Path to Calvary
    - His commitment and sacrifice
- Faithfulness involves choosing obedience based on trust in God
  - Don't repeat the tragic event in Kadesh 加低斯

## The Rest of God

- 那進入安息的應許，既然還給我們留著 (4:1a)
- Even the Israelites failed to enter God's rest (3:7-19)
- The continue promise of rest for the new people of God (4:3-11)
- 我們要竭力進入那安息，免得有人隨著那不順從的樣子就跌倒了。(4:11)
  - Combine hearing of the gospel with faith
  - 因為有福音傳給我們，像傳給他們一樣，只是他們所聽見的道，對他們沒有益處，因為他們沒有用信心與所聽見的打成一片 (4:2)

## The Rest of God

- What does it mean to the original hearers of Hebrews?
- They were at Kadesh 加低斯
- A spiritual crossroad
- At the entrance of the rest of God (promised land)
- Either enter by faith
- Or turning back to a spiritual desert
  - Because of disobedience, faithless
  - A punishment
- Are you at the crossroad of your life?