

## How Hard Have You Thought Today?

### Carefully Consider Christ

Hebrews 3:1-6

#### Introduction:

- A. Putting your brain on cruise control
  - 1. When things become r\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Can put yourself in d\_\_\_\_\_
- B. How hard do you think about Jesus in connection with daily life?
  - 1. New believers – tends to o\_\_\_\_\_ their thoughts with Jesus.
  - 2. Long-time believers – tend to put their thinking on cruise control when it comes to the things of Christ.
- C. Heb 3:1 command
  - 1. The recipients of the command
    - a. The term “brothers” is a g\_\_\_\_\_ term (some translation read brothers and sisters)
    - b. The term “holy” clarifies the “brothers” to be those who are s\_\_\_\_\_ apart by God from the world to serve Jesus.
    - c. All believers are partakers of the heavenly c\_\_\_\_\_
      - 1) This is not an a\_\_\_\_\_ call (rarely does anyone hear a voice).
      - 2) This is a divine communication to the i\_\_\_\_\_ self that draws them to faith in Christ.
  - 2. The content of the command
    - a. The action we are to have toward Jesus
      - 1) Translated as consider, fix your thoughts on, think carefully.
      - 2) The Greek word literally is, *to think d\_\_\_\_\_*, picturing a person bearing down on their thinking.
      - 3) We are not to casually think about Jesus, but we are to c\_\_\_\_\_ think about Him.
- D. How hard do you think about Jesus?
  - 1. This week ask this question daily
  - 2. The Hebrew writer gives us three specific focuses.

#### Carefully consider Christ as your apostle – His descent to earth (1)

- A. The word apostle literally means, *one who is s\_\_\_\_\_ out*.
  - 1. Jesus emphasized to His listeners that He was s\_\_\_\_\_ from heaven by the Father (Matt 10:40; Mk 9:37; Lk 4:18; Jn 3:17; 5:36; 6:29; 10:36).
  - 2. Jesus, as the Word (Jn 1:1), was sent because of s\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. He became flesh by being born of a v\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. God wanted to send His word out to you and me, and the Word’s name is J\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 1:14)

B. Carefully consider Jesus as your apostle

1. Jesus, the Sent One, sent \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word to benefit all believers.
  - a. He promised that His words would never pass \_\_\_\_\_ away (Lk 21:23).
  - b. He told His apostles that the Holy Spirit would bring to their mind all that He taught \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 14:26)
2. What are you doing with your apostle's message?
  - a. Are you using it wisely \_\_\_\_\_? (Matt 7:24,26 – those who hear Jesus' word and act upon them)
  - b. Are you valuing His word as more important than:
    - 1) The words of a psychologist or psychiatrist?
    - 2) The words of a scientist \_\_\_\_\_?
    - 3) Your feelings \_\_\_\_\_

**Carefully consider Jesus as your High Priest – sent to the cross (1)**

A. The Old Testament system of priests

1. Brought various \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices to God on behalf of the people.
2. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies only once \_\_\_\_\_ each year.
  - a. God's glory \_\_\_\_\_ was housed there (i.e. would appear)
  - b. The High Priest would make one sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of all the people.

B. How is Jesus our High Priest?

1. Jesus was sent to the cross \_\_\_\_\_ to make a sacrifice for the sins of all the people.
2. Jesus sacrificed Himself \_\_\_\_\_
3. His sacrifice was a once \_\_\_\_\_ time sacrifice sufficient for all time.
4. Matt 27:51 records the veil covering the entrance to the Holy of Holies as being torn \_\_\_\_\_ from top to bottom upon Jesus' death.
  - a. This shows that only through Jesus do we have direct access \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  - b. Heb 10:19,20 – we enter the Holy Place through the blood \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - c. 1Pet 3:18 - Jesus died once and for all to bring \_\_\_\_\_ us to God (see also Jn 14:6).

C. Carefully consider Jesus as your High Priest.

1. When you sin \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Do not punish \_\_\_\_\_ yourself for falling to sin (Jesus' sacrifice sufficiently satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ for your sin).

- b. Do not focus on your failures but on Jesus as your High Priest and r\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. When you d\_\_\_\_\_ your salvation
    - a. Do not focus on whether or not you are g\_\_\_\_\_ enough (salvation is not by w\_\_\_\_\_ but by trusting what Jesus did for us – Eph 2:8,9).
    - b. Jesus promised e\_\_\_\_\_ life for trusting in Him. Therefore your salvation is e\_\_\_\_\_.

**Carefully consider Jesus as your head – ascent to the throne (2-6)**

- A. The Hebrew writer compares Jesus to Moses in verses 2-6.
  1. MOSES was faithful as a s\_\_\_\_\_ in His house (Moses was “p\_\_\_\_\_” of the house)
  2. JESUS was faithful as a S\_\_\_\_\_ over His house (Jesus is the “b\_\_\_\_\_” of the house)
- B. The house refers to the p\_\_\_\_\_ of God
  1. In the Old Testament, the house was the people of I\_\_\_\_\_
  2. In the New Testament, the house is the people of f\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (see v. 6).
- C. Carefully consider Jesus as your head
  1. Americans tend to think about m\_\_\_\_\_ all the time (whether one has a little or a lot)
    - a. It is not wrong to think about money.
    - b. It is wrong to make money your head – are you serving money or is money serving you?
  2. Americans tend to think about leisure, achievements, relationships – we must put all these under the h\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
    - a. Is leisure, or achievements, or relationships directing you?
    - b. OR is Jesus directing your leisure, achievements, and relationships?
  3. Put e\_\_\_\_\_ under the headship of Christ.

**Conclusion** - This week daily contemplate the question: Have I carefully considered Christ today?

1. Jesus as your Apostle - what is His word saying to you?
2. Jesus as your High Priest – are you accepting His forgiveness and accessing God?
3. Jesus as your head – are you submitting to His leadership in every area of your life?