

Treasure Hunt

- Explain the structure of Heb 2:17-18 (compare 2:9).
- How does 2:17 anticipate the structure of the chapters to come?
- What does the word “apostle” mean?
- What three kinds of apostle are there, and what kind do we have today?
- Whose “house” is v. 2 talking about?
- What does “house” in v. 2 mean?
- What makes the Messiah better than Moses, according to 3:3-6?
- Why might Psalm 99 have called Moses a priest?
- Does 3:6b teach that we are saved by works? Explain.
- How does the quotation from Psalm 95, in its context, amplify 3:6b?

Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of the Son
1:1-4, Introduction

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

4:14-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests
3:1-6 A **Faithful** High Priest
3:7-4:13 **Warning**: Unbelief
4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest
4:14-16, Opening: Hold Fast & Draw Near
5:1-7:28, **Earthly** Priesthood
5:11-6:12, **Warning**: Stagnation
8:1-10:18, **Heavenly** Priesthood
10:19-25, Closing: Draw Near & Hold Fast

10:26-13:19, The Life of the Sons
10:26-31, **Warning**: Willful Sin
10:32-12:24, The Believer's Attitude
10:32-39, Exhortation: Patience
11:1-40, Exposition: Faith
12:1-24, Exhortation: Patience
12:25-29, **Warning**: Refusing God
13:1-19, Exhortation: Life in Community

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

Structure of 2:5-18

2:5-18 **Lower** than the Angels

2:5-9, the Son's Humiliation & Exaltation
5, **Comparison** with the Angels
6-8a, **Scripture**: Psalm 8
Lower than Angels
Crowned with Glory & Honor
8b-9, **Application** to Jesus
Lower than Angels
Crowned with Glory & Honor

2:10, the Father, the Son, & the Sons

2:11-18, the Son's Family

11-13, **Scripture**
11-12, Psalm 22: *Brethren*
13, Isaiah 8: *Children*

14-18, **Application** to Jesus
14-15, *Children* → Redeemer from the Devil
16, **Comparison** with Angels
17-18, *Brethren* → High Priest before God

Two Summary Chiasms

2:9 But we see
Jesus,

who was made a
little lower than
the angels

for the suffering
of death,

crowned with
glory and
honour;

that he by the
grace of God
should taste
death for every
man.

2:17 Wherefore in all
things it behoved him to
be made like unto his
brethren,

that he might be a
merciful

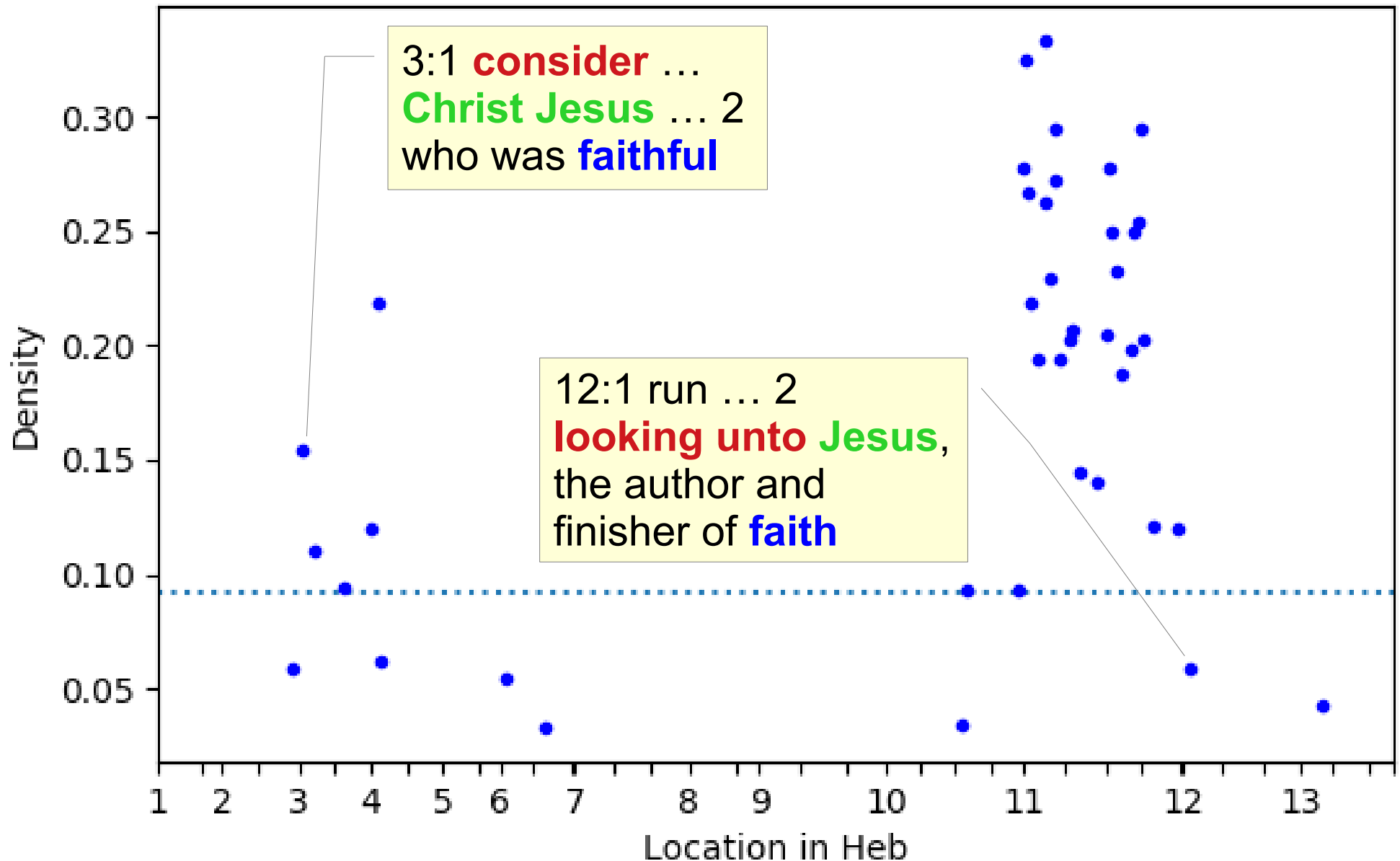
and faithful high priest in
things pertaining to God,
to make reconciliation
for the sins of the
people.

18 For in that he himself
hath suffered being
tempted, he is able to
succour them that are
tempted.

4:16 that we may
obtain mercy

3:1 Christ
Jesus ... 2 who
was faithful ...

“Believe, (un)belief, faith, faithful” ($\sqrt{\pi\iota\sigma\tau-}$)



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Structure of 3:1-4:13

3:1-4:13, Exhortation to Faithfulness

3:1-6, Positive Exhortation
"Brethren, ... consider"
1-6a, The Son greater than Moses
6b, **Warning** of our relation to him

3:7-11, **Warning** from the **Word** (Ps 95b)

3:12-4:11, **Exposition** of Ps 95b
"Take heed, brethren"
3:12-19, Diagnosis: Unbelief
4:1-11, Promise: Rest

4:12-13, Power of the **Word** (Ps 95b)

Three Kinds of Apostle

Joh 20:21
as my
Father hath
sent me,
even so
send I you.

Examples:	References:	Who Sends?	How Many?
The Lord Jesus	Heb 3:1	The Father	1
John, Paul	1 Cor 1:1	The Son	12
Barnabas, Epaphroditus	Acts 14:14; Phil 2:25	The Spirit through the church	Many

1Co 1:1 Paul, called to be **an apostle of Jesus Christ** through the will of God ,

Acts 14:13 Then the priest of Jupiter, ... would have done sacrifice with the people. 14 Which when the **apostles**, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, ...

Phi 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your **messenger ἀποστολός**, and he that ministered to my wants.

The Faithfulness of Moses and Messiah

3:1 Christ Jesus; 2 Who was **faithful** to **him** **that appointed** him, as also Moses was faithful in all **his house**.

Moses:

Num. 12:7 My servant Moses is not so, who is **faithful** in all **mine house**.

Messiah:

1Chr. 17:14 But I will settle him [LXX “make him **faithful**”] in **mine house** and in my kingdom for ever:

Promised Priest:

1 Sam 2:35 I will raise me up a **faithful** priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a **sure πιστός house** ...

Moses as type of the “faithful priest”:

Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron **among his priests**, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

3:5 for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after

Num 12:2 [Miriam, Aaron:] And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us?

Num 12:6 [The Lord:] If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. 8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold:

3:6b whose house are we, **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will** of my Father which is in heaven.

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 **If ye continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,

1Jo 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**.
4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Structure of Psalm 95

Psalm 95, The Test of True Worship

1-5, Worship in **Praise**

1-2, Call to Praise

3-5, Cause: Creation

6-7a, Worship in **Posture**

6, Call to Bow Down

7, Cause: Exodus

7b-11, Worship in **Obedience**

7-9, Call to Obey

10-11, Cause: Judgment