

**Sermon Quotes**  
**March 12 , 2006**  
**Study of Hebrews- Moses and Jesus, Servant and Son**

“A Good Thing is the Enemy of the Best.”

“In the deepest sense, we do not choose the church; we are chosen for the church by God. The church is not a club for people who are fond of religion; it is a community of people who have been summoned to a task, called to a ministry, given an identity in Christ, thrown together in a mission. Clubs have membership rolls of companionable, like-minded people; churches, like families, include people who would never dream of being, working, and living together were they not ‘kin.’ Voluntary organizations have buffs and fans, and if the dues get too high or the demands too great, one can drop out and walk away...Churches however, have ‘brothers and sisters’ bound together in common kinship to Christ, and the only way to walk away is to leave home.”

—Thomas G. Long

“Moses did not create the Law; he only passed it on to the people. Moses did not create the house; he only served in it. Moses did not speak of himself; all that he ever said was only a pointer to the great things that Jesus would some day say. In short, Moses was the servant but Jesus was the Son.”

—William Barclay

“Here is the climax. In this passage we see that Moses is by person **a servant**, while Jesus is by person a **Son**. There is a great difference between a servant and a son...Servants come and go; sons are sons for life. Moses was a servant, and he conducted himself as a servant. The Greek word used in Hebrews 3:5 for **servant** is *therapōn*, and is a term of dignity and freedom, not of servility. It is only used **this once** in the New Testament, and suggests that, even as the highest-ranking servant, Moses was **still a servant**. He was a faithful, obedient, ministering, caring servant—a good steward of God...But he was **not a Son**.”

—John MacArthur

A few Self-Test Questions:

1. When you have time in the morning and you could draw near to God, do you give that priority time away to something or someone else?
2. When you come to a place like this to worship God, are thoughts of other people or other things able to shift your attention elsewhere?
3. Throughout the day, do you spend more time meditating on God’s amazing grace and mercy in your life or thinking and worrying about other people or other things?
4. A last simple test Question (provided by Tedd Tripp): “Is there anything in your life, that if taken away, leaves you with no joy in God?”