

Title: The Architect And Foreman – Hebrews 3:1-12

Read:

¹⁻⁶So, my dear Christian friends, companions in following this call to the heights, take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do. Moses was also faithful, but Jesus gets far more honour. A builder is more valuable than a building any day. Every house has a builder, but the Builder behind them all is God. Moses did a good job in God's house, but it was all servant work, getting things ready for what was to come. Christ as Son is in charge of the house. ⁶⁻¹¹Now, if we can only keep a firm grip on this bold confidence, we're the house! That's why the Holy Spirit says, Today, please listen; don't turn a deaf ear as in "the bitter uprising," that time of wilderness testing! Even though they watched me at work for forty years, your ancestors refused to let me do it my way; over and over they tried my patience. And I was provoked, oh, so provoked! I said, "They'll never keep their minds on God; they refuse to walk down my road." Exasperated, I vowed, "They'll never get where they're going, never be able to sit down and rest." So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God.

Think:

Have you ever drawn or painted a picture, or built a model, or created anything that involved some sort of assembly? Or how about watching a new structure being built in your town? Have you ever noticed that whilst it's still being made, it looks a total mess until the last piece is fitted or the last brush-stroke is applied? Only then does it look the way it's meant to. The building God is raising up on earth is His Kingdom, and we are the building blocks. But if you look at the Church today, it can really look like a total mess, just like the unfinished model. So many people bickering, being unkind, not living godly lives. The Israelites in the Old Testament were at least as bad, so much that God said outright that they would never see the building finished. But now that Christ has come to be in charge of the house, we have the promise that if we hold on to our faith, we will see the completion of the building. The Israelites had Moses as their foreman, and he was good at his job. But for our foreman, we have the architect himself - Jesus Christ. Of course, the work's nowhere near finished yet, so Moses still sets us an example to follow by being a "faithful servant in all God's house". Maybe God is calling you to be Moses in your department of the building project!

Pray:

Lord, thank You for your patience with us when we get things wrong. Thank you that it's never too late for us to have a part to play in building Your Kingdom on earth. Give me the strength to be faithful in the work You have for me to do. Amen.

Action:

Elsewhere in the Bible, Paul tells us that whatever work we do, we should do it as though we were working for Christ himself. Next time you have to do chores or homework, imagine that Jesus has asked you to do it, and see if it makes a difference to the way you go about it.