

Hearing God's Voice

Hebrews 3:7-8, 15

Introduction

This is not our battle.

Christian Nationalism

Religious/Political Conservatism

Where Does the Real Christian Battle Lie?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8

A Call For Christian Biblicism

"Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness'" Hebrews 3:7-8

1 – Know first of all, that it is Jesus speaking to each of us individually, personally, specifically.

"in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son" Hebrews 1:2

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15

Today - God's Word is timeless, inspired, eternal, living, active, and contiguous from age to age.

"Scripture cannot be broken" John 10:35

Psalms 95:7-11.

For the writer of Hebrews the message remains the same then, as it does for us today.

if you hear his voice

2 - It conveys the idea of volition.

At the moment we hear the Word of God, you and I are met with a choice.

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion

The voice of God is spoken directly to our hearts.

When conviction comes, we have only two choices:

- 1) **Accept conviction with humility**, manifesting sincere contrition and brokenness, seeking forgiveness, realizing that we have offended the holy God we love.

Psalm 51:4

“Why have you despised the word of the Lord,” 2 Samuel 12:9

Joseph to Potiphar’s wife: Genesis 39:8-9

- 2) **Reject conviction with prideful rebellion**, responding with self-justification, indignation, and resentment toward the one delivering the message from God’s Word.

“For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.” Psalm 50:17

Nehemiah 9:26

Proverbs 5:12-13

3 - There is a sense of urgency here.

Because the writer repeats the admonition 3 times: 3:7, 14; 4:7.

on the day of testing in the wilderness

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.” Hebrews 2:1

Therefore, train your ear to focus, and your mind to pay careful attention to His Word as though Jesus were here with us, speaking to each of us directly, because in fact, He is.

Be keen to hear His voice and swift to obey. Procrastination is the downfall of many.

If the Lord be God then make haste to follow Him.

4 - There is an element of danger here.

You wouldn’t think Jesus would have to plead with us to listen to and heed His voice, but He does.

The more you refuse to receive and act upon the message of our Lord, the more easily to dismiss it.

You harden your heart by training it to dismiss, neglect, or reject your convictions.

John 18:37

John 10:3-4, 27

Hebrews 12:25

Matthew 12:18-19

Hebrews 13:20-21