

**“While The Promise Still Stands”**

**Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13**

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**The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)**

**Christ Calls Us To Fear The Complacency That Entitlement Brings And Not Fall Prey To A Hard Heart, (vs. 12 – 4: 1)**

**Message Emphasis:** Many today do not take seriously Christ’s warning that a heart of unbelief is an all too common condition. We must not trust in a salvation that rests on which crowd we are in but fear the hardness of heart that produces insidious unbelief.

*Christians are not just nice people. They are new creatures. If you are what you have always been you are not a Christian. – Vance Havner*

**16 – 18.1) The Hardness Of Your Heart Is A Real Concern - *Why should I be concerned with the hardness of my heart? Isn’t it good enough to be one of God’s children by grace?***

- Simply hearing is not sufficient - **“Who Heard (Aor.Act.Part) & Rebelled (Aor.Act.Ind)?”** (vs. 16a)
- Trusting in experience is not sufficient - **“All Those Who Left (Aor.Act.Part) Egypt?”** (vs. 16b)
- Making grace an entitlement is not sufficient - **“With Whom Was He Provoked (Aor.Act.Ind)?”** (vs. 17a) - *“The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.” Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.” Then the LORD said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice,” (Numbers 14:18–22, ESV)*
- Expecting forgiveness is not sufficient - **“Those Who Sinned (Aor.Act.Part), Whose Bodies Fell In The Wilderness”** (vs. 17b)
- Chronic disobedience is a sign of “child” in name only; natural paternity does not ensure obedience – discipline does - **“To Whom Did He Swear (Aor.Act.Ind) / Not Enter (Fut.Mid.Inf) Rest, But Those Who Were Disobedient (Aor.Act.Part)”** (vs. 18)  
*“Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.” (Hebrews 12:9–10, ESV)*

**19.2) The Hardness Of Your Heart Has Real Consequences - *I thought being saved meant that I am forgiven and I don’t have to worry about my sin?***

- Unbelief is more than simply denying Jesus Christ; unbelief is evident in not submitting to what the Lord has said you must do - **“They Were Unable (Aor.Pas.Ind) To Enter (Aor.Act.Inf) Because Of Unbelief”**

*Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to the cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

**4:1.3) The Hardness Of Your Heart Has A Real Remedy - *Is there any hope for someone who has so misunderstood what being a child of God really means?***

**“While The Promise Of Entering (Aor.Act.Inf) Still Stands (Pres.Pas.Part), Fear (Aor.Pas.Subj) Lest Any Should Seemed To Have Failed (Pres.Act.Inf) To Reach It”**

- Realize 1<sup>st</sup> that there is ONLY one way to remedy the situation
- Understand that there will come a time when it is too late; the promise is removed
- Do not be afraid of “being afraid” of failing in reaching the goal; God’s rest

**\*\*\*What Must I Do To Be Saved? \*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will your heart be softened to obedience

*"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)*

*"They called to the LORD, and he answered them." (Psalm 99:6, ESV)*

*"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13, ESV)*

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**
  
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**