

SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 3:7-19, we are shown a 3-part lesson on faithful obedience to God.

- I. The lesson has a text: Psalm 95:7b-11 (vs. 7-11).
- II. The lesson has exhortations:
 - A. Take care not to fall away from the living God (v. 12).
 - B. *Exhort one another not to develop a hardened heart through sinning (vs. 13-15).***
- III. *The lesson has applications:***
 - A. *Don't rebel against God's word (v. 16).***
 - B. *Don't provoke God by constantly sinning which leads to death (v. 17).***
 - C. *Don't fail to enter your rest because of the sin of unbelief (vs. 18-19).***

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 24, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 3:12-19

Memory Passage: Hebrews 3:12-14

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 3:7-11.** As we continue our efforts to reorient to the letter to the Hebrews after being away from it for a couple of months, take a moment to summarize all you learned last week in your study of 3:7-11.

(b) In what ways did the truths found in 3:7-11 affect your life last week. In other words, what applications did you implement in your day-to-day life that were helpful to advance your sanctification?

(c) Verse 12 is a hinge verse, connecting both with what comes before and after it. Explain v. 12 in light of vs. 7-11.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Ps. 95 & Hebrews 3:12-19.** In vs. 12-13 he provides 2 commands, followed by reasons given for those commands. We'll start today with the reasons. Notice the "For" that begins both vs. 14 & 16. Describe what it means when one "has come to share in Christ," and what evidence proves that one has done so (stated in the negative in v. 14)?

(b) What original confidence did Israel forsake in "the rebellion" (v. 15, again quoting Psalm 95:7b-8)?

(c) What is your original confidence which you must "hold to the end?"

(d) In what way did the Israelites "harden their hearts," and in what way do believers today harden our hearts (cf. vs. 12-13)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 3:12-19.** Notice how verses 16-19 each begins, "For," "and," "and," & "so." Also notice the question and answer format in vs. 16-18 (each verse asks a question and answers the question with a question). How does this help you understand the flow of our author's argument?

(b) Who were all those who rebelled and what did they do (v. 16)?

(c) Who were all those who provoked God for 40 years, what was their sin, and what was their punishment (v. 17)?

(d) Who were all those who God acted against and what did He do (v. 18)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb 3:12-19.** The OT examples you studied on Day 2 & 3 support the commands given in vs. 12-13 because God does not change. He always acts in ways that conform to His perfect character. Explain the commands found in vs. 12-13. In other words, concerning what are we to "Take care, brothers" and in what ways are we to "Exhort on another every day?"

(b) How does the word "But" which begins v. 13 help you understand how these two commands work together?

(c) Explain how v. 14 gives evidence that the commands in vs. 12-13 must be followed.

(d) Explain how the wandering Israelites (vs. 15-18) are used as evidence to support the commands in vs. 12-13.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 3:12-19.** What rest was available to the wandering Israelites, and why were they unable to enter it (v. 19)?

(b) What role do the ideas of faith/faithlessness & belief/unbelief play in our author's sermon so far (i.e. 3:1-19)?

(c) The Israelites did not hold fast to their faith in the God who delivered them from the hands of the Egyptians. They saw & experienced His great, powerful, and righteous deliverance but rebelled against Him and paid the price of not entering the land. What rest is available to professing believers today, and what will stop us from entering it?

(d) If a professing believer demonstrates "an evil heart of unbelief" causing them to fall away from the living God, does this mean that believers can lose our salvation? Explain your answer and support it with other Scripture passages.

(e) How do you "take care" and "exhort" other believers concerning sin? How have you benefited from others doing this?

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Don't Fall Away (Part 2)