

A person wearing a dark, possibly black, jacket and light-colored jeans is shown from the side, with their hands clasped behind their back. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the jacket and the denim of the jeans against a dark background.

THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

HEBREWS 3:7-19

Deceitfulness of Sin:

- We are not to harden our hearts as Israel did in the wilderness (v. 7-11)
- Beware of having an evil, unbelieving heart turning away from God (v.12)
- Encourage one another daily—avoid sins hardening deceitfulness (v.13)
- We share in Christ, if we hold firmly to our original conviction (v. 14)
- Do not repeat the rebellion of Israel, who failed to enter God's rest because of their unbelief (v. 15-19)

Implications:

- We are in danger of missing out on God's rest if we neglect his voice.
- We are in need of constant vigilance and mutual support to resist sin.
- We are in possession of a great salvation that requires our perseverance.



HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:7-19 REVIEW

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:7-13

3:7-13 MAIN POINT: Do not harden your hearts in unbelief like Israel did in the wilderness.

4. List the different phrases in verses 7-11 that describe the “unbelief” that the Israelites had:

- Hardened their hearts (v.8),
- Tested God (v.9),
- Went astray in their hearts (v.10),
- Did not know God's ways (v.10).

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:7-13

5. You may have noticed that “unbelief” begins in the “heart.” Since we are to “beware” of this, how do you recognize the beginnings of this departure from God in your own heart? What are we told to do to correct it?

- Unbelief begins in the heart when we start to doubt God's promises and goodness.
- We can recognize the beginnings of this when we start to grumble, complain, and question God.
- To correct it, we are told to exhort and encourage one another daily so that we are not hardened by sin's deception (v.13).

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:7-13

6. How can we exhort each other every day so that we are not hardened by the lies of sin?

- We can exhort each other by regularly meeting together, sharing struggles, praying for each other, reminding each other of gospel truths, and spurring each other on to love and good deeds through godly examples.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:14-19

3:14-19 MAIN POINT: Israel's example warns us about unbelief leading to disobedience and loss of rest.

7. What must we do to “share in Christ?” What does this mean?

- To share in Christ, we must hold firmly to our confidence in Christ to the end (v.14).
- This means trusting completely in Christ's salvation and not turning from Him

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:14-19

8. Exactly what did the Israelites do so that God would not allow them to enter Canaan? How can we apply this to ourselves?

- The Israelites disobeyed and rebelled against God in the wilderness (v.16, 18).
- Specifically, they did not trust God to provide for them, grumbled, and desired to return to Egypt.
- Application: It's a reminder to trust in God's plan for us, even when we face challenges or when things don't go as we expect. It encourages us to have faith, to be grateful for what we have, and to not yearn for our past. It also teaches us the importance of obedience and submission to God's will.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:14-19

9. Why is disobedience equated with unbelief (3:18-19)? What do we learn?

- Disobedience is equated with unbelief because outward sin stems from an unbelieving heart (v.19).
- If we truly believed God's promises, we would obey. Unbelief is the root of disobedience.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 3:14-19

What do you learn about God from this chapter? How does this change the way you see God and how does this change your life? How does this encourage us to stand in the faith?

- This passage shows God's holiness and judgment against unbelief. It warns that our hearts wander and deceive.
- God graciously cautions us against unbelief so we can self-reflect and encourage others.
- His discipline reveals love in correcting us. We're driven to fully rely on Christ, not ourselves. Our hope is founded solely on Jesus' blood and righteousness.