

Hebrews 3:6-19

“Lessons from Yesterday”

Jesus Greater than Moses, which means the rejection of Jesus is greater than the rejection of Moses.

1:2 and 3:3-6 state the same thing:

- Jesus is the maker of all things
- Jesus is the heir of all things

Warning/Exhortation:

- “If”
 - 2:1, 3:6, 3:14, 6:11-12, 10:23, 10:35, 12:1
 - Call to persevere
 - You are God’s house if you are holding fast
 - 12:1 — our ability to continue is only through God’s power
 - The letter of Hebrews is pointing to that “if”
 - The rest of chapter 3 will explain this better
 - Notice the issue in the text, heart equals belief
 - The author isn’t saying that one can lose your salvation
 - He is saying that if someone has truly been a partaker in Christ, it’s impossible for them fall away

1. Example from Yesterday (7-11;16-19)

- Quoting Psalm 95
- Holy Spirit says
 - Scripture is inspired
 - Scripture is active
 - Hearts is the issue of the text (8,10,12,13,15,19)
 - Heart is the seat of the emotions, will, and beliefs
- Harden not your hearts
 - Saw my works for forty years (nearing 70 ad)
 - Testing revealed their hearts
 - They have not known my ways
 - Numbers 13/14 — they had all the evidence they needed
 - Verse 19 — they didn’t believe
- Result
 - Judgment= shall not enter my rest
 - If they had all the evidence they needed to believe, then how much more do we have?
 - 2:2-3 — rightly judged so will we
 - For Israel, rejection of Moses was rejection of God
 - Rejection of Jesus is even greater because Jesus is God

2. Exhortation for Today (12-15)

- Take care — be on guard
 - Plural language
 - Brothers, any, one another, we, share
- The exhortation is both introspective and proactive
- Unbelieving heart leading to fall away (2:2-3)
 - Important of tying up boat
- Exhort one another every day

- Today is all we have and this is something to be done every day
- Hardened by the deceit of sin (crafty)
- Our perseverance is a group project
 - Get along side of one another
- When is this exhortation to be accepted? TODAY

Look at again how the author wraps this up:

Who are the ones that missed it? The ones who were closest to it

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. The Israelites saw God's mighty works but still hardened their hearts and failed to believe (Hebrews 3:7–11, 16–19). What can we learn from their example about the danger of seeing God's work around us without truly trusting and obeying Him?
3. Hebrews 3:12 warns us to take care that none of us has an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. What are some warning signs that our hearts may be growing cold toward God, and how can we guard against them?
4. Hebrews 3:13 commands us to exhort one another daily so that we are not hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Why is Christian perseverance a community responsibility, and what are practical ways we can encourage one another to remain faithful to Christ?
5. The Israelites who missed out on God's rest were those who had witnessed His works but still refused to believe (Hebrews 3:19). Since we have even greater revelation through Jesus Christ, what does this passage teach us about the seriousness of rejecting Him? How can we respond to God's Word with genuine faith today rather than assuming that being near the truth is the same as believing it?