

The Parchment



Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ

Encourage One another

Hebrews 3

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Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

My world is brighter, and more beautiful because of you. Thank you.

BUT ENCOURAGE ONE
ANOTHER DAILY, AS
LONG AS IT IS CALLED
“TODAY,” SO THAT NONE
OF YOU MAY BE
HARDENED BY SIN’S
DECEITFULNESS.
HEBREWS 3:13



Chapter 3 of Hebrews starts with a comparison of Moses and Jesus. For the Jews Moses was one of the greatest men of God recorded in Scripture. It is important for the Jews to see that Jesus is not just another Moses but that He far exceeds Moses in every way. Moses was a man that God used to lead and speak to the people. Jesus is God in the flesh. Chapter 3 then transitions to standing firm in our faith. The people that followed Moses out of slavery began to lose faith and because of this were not allowed to enter into the Promised Land. Hebrews encourages us to encourage each other so that we may strengthen each other's faith. Join us this week as we encourage each other and remind each other how Christ has given us victory over sin.

Hebrews 3 (NASB)

Jesus Our High Priest

3 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; **2** He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. **3** For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. **4** For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. **5** Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; **6** but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,

AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

10 “THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,
AND SAID, ‘THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART,
AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS’;

11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
‘THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.’”

The Peril of Unbelief

12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by

the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, **15** while it is said,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”

16 For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? **17** And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? **19** So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

① EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Who is the builder of the house and who is the house?

9. Who has more honor, the builder or the house? Why?

10. In verse 10, who was God angry with?

11. Why was God angry with them?

12. How do we help each other to strengthen our faith so that we are not hardened by sin?

13. Why were they not able to enter into His rest?

14. According to the text who authorizes verses 7-11?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

15. What is worse, sin or disbelief? Why? (Sin in this question refers to sins other than the sin of disbelief.)

16. How can we encourage others to stay strong in the faith during this time?

17. Why is it so important for us to stay strong in the faith?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes