

**Series "Jesus Is Better"**  
**"Harden Not Your Hearts"**  
**Hebrews 3:7-19**  
**Study-7**

**Hebrews 3:1-4:13 – Jesus Better Than Moses.**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** Heart Of The Problem Is The Evil Heart Of Unbelief, Which Leads To A Failure To Make Progress.

**1. Verses 7-11 – God's Word From The Past**

**2. Verses 12-19 – God's Word For The Present**

**1. Verses 7-11 – God's Word From The Past:**

Hebrews 3:7

"Therefore," – "The Superiority of Jesus Christ Over Moses."

Psalms 95:7-11, Psalm 95-96 – synagogue and temple as invitations to worship God. Teaches Worshiping God And Loyalty Must go together.

"Holy Spirit says," – Psalms and the words of the Holy Spirit are thus synonymous.

2 Peter 1:21

Psalm 95:1-2

Psalm 95:7

Hebrews 3:6

**The warning, thus, is to genuine children of God.**

"TODAY" – The Appeal Was Urgent.

**Need To Hear The Word: "IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,"** – The hearing involved more than just passive listening; it also included an active willingness to obey, even before the command was given.

Matthew 13:43

Verses 8-9 – The Sin Of Israel: Hebrews 3:8

“DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS” – The word “Harden” 6X NT, 4X in Hebrews 3:8, 13, 15; 4:7

“Harden” – “Don’t begin to harden, or don’t allow hardening to get to that point where you are no longer responsive to God.”

“PROVOKED” – literally means “beside or beyond bitterness.”

Exodus 17:1-7 – At Rephidim where the Israelites had no water, they questioned God’s presence and goodness. Psalm 95:8

Exodus 17:1-7

Num. 11:10-25 – Israel then tired of the manna and complained because they had no meat.

Numbers 14:22-23

Exodus 15:23-26 – At Marah, they murmured because the water was bitter.

Exodus 16:1-4 – In the wilderness of Sin, they griped because they had no bread.

Num. 20:1-13 – They again complained that they had no water at Zin.

**The “TRIAL” had two sides:**

- 1. God Tested Israel:** This type of test is always for the spiritual benefit of the recipients; James 1:2-12 – to bring out one’s worth.
- 2. The Human Side:** Israel tempted God in that Israel refused to trust God, in spite of God’s miraculous display. Testing Became A Temptation!

Hebrews 3:9

“WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me,” – Literally “trying-out, to which they subjected God, while they were debating whether they should accept Him or not.”

Numbers 14:22

**Israel Actually Sat In Judgment Of God For 40 Years.**

Verses 10-11 – The Response Of God: Hebrews 3:10.

"ANGRY" – "extreme anger and disgust; I abhorred."

Numbers 14:10-12

Numbers 14:18

Heart Problems: "AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART;'" – Literally "their case is hopeless", Acts 7:51.

"HEART" – In Hebrew and Greek, speaks of the seat of the mind, the will, and thus speaks of the real personality.

Head Problems: "AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';"

Hebrews 3:11 – Wrath came only after all efforts of grace have been exhausted! Numbers 14:29.

Short Of Canaan: "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST." – First time "rest" is used in Hebrews; "rest" – a term that described the land of Canaan, (Abundant Life) Deuteronomy 1:35.

## **2. Verses 12-19 – God's Word For The Present:**

Hebrews 3:12

Verse 12 – Watch Your Heart: "Take care," – "calls for moral alertness and spiritual vigilance"; literally "see, watch", translated "beware", Philippians 3:2.

**Believe The Word:** "an evil, unbelieving heart," (Faithful Unbelief).

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"in falling away from the living God." – The term "apostasy" departure. It literally means "to take a stand away from"

**In Practice – falling away from the living God.** Practice of not trusting God for daily sustenance results in the forfeiture of earthly blessing.

**In Doctrine – falling away from the living God.** Doctrinal apostasy which marks the unsaved; Not to believe for eternal salvation. John 5:23

Verse 13 – Help One Another: Hebrews 3:13.

**Share The Word:** "But encourage one another" – "encouragement and comfort"; literally means "called beside".

Colossians 3:16

"deceitfulness of sin." – Literally reads "the sin", Hebrews 3:12.

Verse 14 – Persevere: Hebrews 3:14.

"Beginning" – literally means "that which stands under."

"of our assurance" – confidence, "used by the Greek for documents kept in official archives" (safe with Jesus) – "firm until the end;" 1 John 2:19.

Verse 15 – "Harden Not", Hebrews 3:15.

**Verses 16-19 – There are 3 questions that are asked:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Question – Who Provoked God?** – Hebrews 3:16.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Question – Who Was God Angry With For 40 Years?**  
Hebrews 3:17.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Question – To Whom Did God Say, They Will Not Enter My Rest?** Hebrews 3:18.

"Disobedient" – not merely "a lack of obedience but rather a refusal to obey, refusal to believe"

Hebrews 3:19

**Application:**

1. Heart Of The Problem Is The Evil Heart Of Unbelief, Which Leads To A Failure To Make Progress: Hebrews 4:1.
2. Jesus Christ Came To Give Both Life And Abundant Life: John 10:10.
3. Some Christians Simply Exist Or Survive Their Earthly Sojourn, Wandering Around In The Wilderness Of Frustration, And Self-pity. Few Claim Their Divine Inheritance Which Can Be Enjoyed Now: 1 John 1:7.