



Hebrews 1:1- 4:13

- The God who spoke on Mt Sinai (by angels to Moses) has now spoken definitively in His Son – pay attention!
- Avoid the unbelief of God’s people after Sinai (in the wilderness) who failed to enter His rest – hold fast to Christ!

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. (Hebrews 3:6)

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
 “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION,
 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.’”

¹² Take care, brethren, lest there should 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 IN THE
 REBELLION.”

¹⁶ For who rebelled 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.

(Hebrews 3:7-19)

The Danger of Unbelief

- ❖ The need for perseverance “until the end”

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1. The Use of Psalm 95:7-11

- facilitates the author’s connection between the wilderness generation and God’s people today
- the Holy Spirit’s interpretation of Israel’s rebellion at Kadesh-Barnea, and the application to the worshipping people of God

Rebellion at Kadesh (Num. 14)

¹ Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. ² All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” ⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt.”

Rebellion at Kadesh (Num. 14)

²² Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, ²³ shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it... ‘As I live,’ says the LORD,...²⁹ your corpses will fall in this wilderness, even all your numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me. ³⁰ Surely you shall not come into the land in which I swore to settle you;

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2. The Meaning of Psalm 95:7-11

- failure to trust in God’s power, provision and promise is defined as hard-hearted rebellion
- unbelief provokes the Lord’s just anger issuing in His judgment
- Canaan is a type of God’s ultimate “rest”

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3. The Exhortation of Psalm 95:7-11

- the urgency and opportunity to hear/obey God’s word continues “today”
- do not respond with a heart of unbelief and disobedience (“hard heart”)

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- ❖ We have heard God's voice in His Son – trust and obey!