



- 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 in falling away from the living God.
¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," lest any one of you 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

- ❖ Avoid the unbelief of God's people after Sinai (in the wilderness) who failed to enter His rest – hold fast to the end
- ❖ Exposition and application of Psalm 95:7-11

The Danger of Unbelief

1. The Warning: "watch out"
 - practice continual vigilance over your heart – guard against unbelief
 - lest this unbelief results in a deliberate spurning of the power and promises of God in Christ ("*falling away from the living God*")

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2. The Antidote: “exhort one another”

- continual, mutual exhortation is a necessary means of avoiding an unbelieving heart
- encourage one another to trust God’s promises in Christ and warn against sin’s deceit

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

The Danger of Unbelief

3. The Necessity: “hold fast”

- we have entered into “participation” in Christ – the source of all saving benefits
- we continue to participate in Christ and enter final rest if we persevere in faith until the end

The Danger of Unbelief

- ❖ The necessity of perseverance in faith – we must continue holding fast to Christ in faith until the end to be saved