



THE DANGER OF UNBELIEF

Hebrews 3:7-19

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,
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 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.

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- ❖ Avoid the unbelief of the people of God in the wilderness who failed to enter His rest – hold fast to Christ until the end
- ❖ Psalm 95:7-11 – Holy Spirit's application of Israel's rebellion at Kadesh to the worshipping people of God today

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

(1 Corinthians 10:11-12)

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1. The Culpability of their Unbelief

- all those who came out of Egypt, who entered into a covenant, who saw God's mighty works rebelled in unbelief

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2. The Certainty of God's Wrath for their Unbelief

- all those who rebelled in unbelief "fell" in the wilderness in the next 40 years as an act of God's judgment

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3. The Ultimate Consequences of their Unbelief

- God swore they would not enter the promised land, a type of His final, salvation-"rest"
- the consequences were not merely temporal, but eternal

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➤ Implications:

1. Unbelief today in light of God's final word in His Son is more egregious and inexcusable than Israel's unbelief

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➤ Implications:

2. It is possible to be part of God's people outwardly and know much about Him and yet fall away in final unbelief

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➤ Implications:

3. Beware of nurturing a heart of unbelief in God's power, promise and goodness through incessant grumbling and growing disobedience