

LESSON SIX OUTLINE HEBREWS 3:7-19

- I. Two major sections
 - A. v. 7-11 extended quotation of Psalm 95
 - B. v. 12-19 the author's application to his audience
 1. v. 12-15 exhortation
 2. v. 16-19 review of the fathers' faithlessness
- II. v. 7-11
 - A. The Holy Spirit speaks through Scripture
 - B. Quotation of Psalm 95
 1. Three groups/time periods
 - a. The faithless fathers- first generation saved from Egypt
 - b. People of Israel singing the psalm before Jesus
 - c. Believers in Jesus who are not to emulate the fathers' faithlessness
 2. Focus of the warning is behavior in Numbers 13-14
 - a. The people believe the bad report brought by ten of the spies
 - b. They malign God's character- accusing Him of bringing them out of Egypt to die, of not caring about their wives and children
 - c. They base their behavior on their ability, not on God's promises
 - d. They encourage one another to rebellion
 - e. They threaten to stone Joshua and Caleb when they encourage faith
 - f. They were in real perilous situations but never humbly asked the Lord for help
 3. The Lord was rightfully angry with them
 - a. They went astray because of their unbelief
 - b. Because they did not know God's ways
 - c. YET He continued to care for them through the 40 years
 - d. They did not enter the land (His rest for them)

III. v. 12-15

A. Two exhortations

1. Take care= SEE to it, be vigilant, stay focused on the truth so to prevent an evil/UNBELIEVING heart and a falling away
2. Encourage one another every day to prevent being deceived/hardened by sin

B. Basis for being diligent

1. They have become partakers of Christ- it is a full participation in Him

C. While it is said, "Today..."

1. They are living in the period of unresolved tension between peril and promise

IV. v. 16-19

A. Who provoked Him> those He saved from slavery in Egypt

B. With whom was He angry> those who sinned who then died in the wilderness

C. Who did not enter His rest> those who were disobedient

D. Conclusion: we SEE that they were unable to enter because of UNBELIEF

V. IMPLICATIONS

A. You also live in the time of unresolved tension between peril and promise

B. Consider in what ways you react faithlessly to struggles in your life

C. Practice what the author exhorts his audience to do

1. Be vigilant over you heart, that you stay focused on the truth- review it over and over again
2. Encourage other brothers and sisters and be encouraged by them to maintain strong pliable hearts which resist the deceitfulness of sin