

HEBREWS LESSON SIX QUESTIONS

1. Verse 7 begins with “therefore.” List some of the details from the previous lessons that he wants them to remember in order to continue his message.
2. The Holy Spirit is depicted as speaking through Scripture in v. 7. Why do you think it’s important that God is the God who speaks?
3. How does the writer of Psalm 95 describe a hardened heart as he refers to the fathers who came out of Egypt? Notice what words He uses to describe the condition of their hearts.
4. What was God expecting from His people whom He brought out of Egypt to the border of the promised land? Does it seem unreasonable? What were the Israelites desiring and putting their hope in? Why did their testing, rebellion and disobedience provoke such wrath?
5. List some parallels between the fathers’ situation and that of the believers the author is addressing, which allow him to make applications from Psalm 95. What did these new covenant believers know about salvation through Jesus that would make their possible defection from the faith even more provoking to God than that of their fathers?
6. What two exhortations does the writer give to his audience in v. 12-13? What is each designed to prevent?
7. How are obedience and faith related? Why does unbelief result in disobedience or falling away? How does this happen?
8. Read verse 14 of the passage. On what does the author want his audience to base their confidence in their trials? What is their assurance? Why is it so important to hold on to it?

9. As you go through the trials you are promised by our Lord Jesus, how can you “see to it” that your heart stays is not deceived, but remains faithful to Him? List some practical actions you can take in your daily life to actively maintain the truth in your soul.

10. When you are suffering, are you tempted to withdraw from being with other believers? If so, why do you think that is?

11. Have you experienced the hardening effects of sin? How did that look in your life? What does the author of Hebrews suggest you do to prevent this?

12. Have you ever been irritated by the encouragement of another believer? Were you bothered because the encourager seemed to be offering formulas and not listening to you, or was your annoyance arising from defensiveness?

13. How can you encourage a suffering believer? Discuss important aspects, including careful listening, timing of what you say, your choice of words, etc. How has the author’s focus on the person of Jesus and the great salvation He has accomplished for us inform your thinking, so that you help the hurting person to have real hope?