

Hebrews Lesson 16

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Read Hebrews 3:7-12

Vs 7 “As the Holy Ghost saith...” This verse reveals that the scriptures are not a product of men, but they were given by the Holy Ghost.

Vs 12 The Hebrews, for the most part, did not believe God. They had “**an evil heart of unbelief.**” This was their primary failure. The great ugly sins that we read about were a result of their unbelief.

- On Passover night, not all the Hebrews believed God. If one person in a household believed God, that person put the blood on the door posts and the whole house was spared.
- In the book of Hebrews, believing and unbelieving Jews are being addressed.
- Just because you’re in the house doesn’t mean you belong to the Lord.

Read Psalm 95:7-11

- This Psalm can apply to the Exodus, the Hebrews in the Church Age, Hebrews in the Tribulation, or Hebrews in the Millenium.
- The unbelieving Hebrews never made it to the Promised Land.
 - Today, Jesus Christ provides eternal life to those who believe Him. Those who don’t believe will not enter into His rest.
- “**Harden not your heart, as in the provocation...**” (Vs 8). They provoked God in the wilderness by not believing Him (Heb 3:12).
 - The grotesque sins are few and far between in any population. The greatest and most common sin anywhere you go is unbelief. People Criticize God, refusing to believe Him. They reject and laugh at God’s word.
 - People push God aside and invent a substitute god to admire and give credit to (Santa Claus, Mother Nature, luck, Easter Bunny, saints, etc.).
 - People only acknowledge God when they need someone to blame for a disaster or for problems that occur.
- The Hebrews are being warned about the sins of their forefathers in the wilderness because they are beginning to show the same characteristics.
 - When trouble comes, they quit on God. They turn from Jesus return to Judaism.
 - The greatest percentage of the Hebrews were not part of the Church.

“...**an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**” (Vs 12).

- He’s not speaking to believers and warning them that they could lose their salvation.
- He’s speaking to people with a “**heart of unbelief.**” The fact that they departed from God reveals that they were unbelievers. They never trusted the blood of Jesus Christ.

Vs 13 People become “**hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**”

- Sin deceives you in two ways.
 - It will tell you nothing bad is going to happen if you live in sin. Then something bad DOES happen.
 - It will tell you nothing bad happened while you lived your whole life in sin. So, you die with a smile on your face and wake up in hell.
- We are instructed to be tenderhearted (Eph 4:32), gladly yielding to and obeying God.
- When you practice yielding to sin and letting it deceive you, your heart becomes hard and unresponsive to the warnings and instructions of the Holy Spirit.