

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

“Take Care, Brothers”

Hebrews 3:7-19

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:7-11 I. A lesson to remember.

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

A reference from Psalm 95

:8, 10 A. The centrality of the heart

:11 B. “My rest” What is it?

1. A land promised by God
cf. Exodus 33:14; Deuteronomy 3:18-20, 12:9-10
2. A greater rest
cf. Hebrews 4; 11:9-16

► If our hope of rest is not a hope in Christ, we will never enter it.

:12-15 II. A warning to obey.

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

A. “Take care, brothers”

B. “Exhort one another every day”

C. “The deceitfulness of sin”

heart → lies/deceit → hardened → unbelief → “depart from the living God”

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:16-19 III. A sin to confront.

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked 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 unable to enter because of unbelief.

- The Israelites under Moses fell in the wilderness because of unbelief.
- Our only true rest is not a place, but a person – Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the Holy Spirit speak when you read the Scriptures?
2. Why is it important for us to understand the lessons of God’s people in the Old Testament?
(I Corinthians 10:6-11)

3. What is the difference between knowledge of orthodox theology (even agreeing with it) and faith?
4. Do you believe it is necessary to be engaged with a few other Christians in exhorting/encouraging each other's faith? Why is it dangerous to live as a Christian in isolation from true relationships?
5. What models have you known of believers who "held their confidence firm to the end" (v. 14)?

Going Deeper

1. How would you encourage someone who has been wounded by the "deceitfulness of sin" to re-engage in following Christ?
2. Suggestion: Read a good Reformed resource regarding the "perseverance of the saints."