

Hebrews

Chapter Three

FAITH COMES BY HEARING: Read Chapter Three

SUMMARY: Verses 1-19

1. Jesus makes it possible for us to share in the heavenly calling. This makes the point that there is no other way for humans to receive an invitation to heaven except through Jesus.
2. Jesus only stands as your defense through your confession. You must confess His lordship.
3. Paul shows the analogy between Moses and Jesus. Both were called by God to be deliverers. Moses brought deliverance from Pharaoh's bondage over the Israelites. Jesus brought deliverance from Satan's bondage over all mankind.
4. Both Moses and Jesus were faithful to God. Moses was faithful over God's house as a ruler. Jesus is the builder of God's house as a Son. Here again it makes the point of Jesus' deity. He is more than just a good man or prophet of God. Moses was a prophet and deliverer. Jesus was the Son and deliverer. Moses brought a temporal deliverance from slavery. Jesus brings an eternal deliverance from sin's punishment.
5. Paul states that we are God's house. God's house isn't a building. God's house isn't a temple as built by Moses. God's house is His people. As God dwelt in a tent in the Old Testament under Moses' leadership, so God dwells in human hearts through Jesus' sonship.
6. Although God has done mighty works through Jesus it is possible to have a hard heart and go astray. This going astray is said to be the result of an unbelieving and evil heart. This leads you away from a living God. This is proof that not everyone will be saved. Some will go astray and follow their evil heart despite what God has done for them through the love of Jesus His Son.
7. Paul shows the immediacy of the situation. Today, is the day of salvation. There's nothing anyone can do to warrant the invitation to salvation. There's nothing more needed to be done. Just believe. When you choose to continue to walk away you become hardened and deceived by sin.
8. The key element to walking in all God has for you is to believe. It's unbelief that hardens you. When you are disobedient there is nothing more God can do for you. He has done all He will do through Jesus. When you reject Jesus you are classified as a rebellious, disobedient sinner who provokes God.
9. A hard heart will keep you wandering aimlessly for years. The Israelites rebellious nature against God kept them going in circles for 40 years. When your heart is hardened to obeying God's command your life will be spent rehearsing the same mess year after year.

REFLECTION

1. What verse stuck out to you most?
2. Why is it said that salvation is a heavenly calling? Why would salvation be considered an invitation?
3. Jesus only becomes Lord at confession. Why do you think this is so?
4. Jesus is not just a prophet. He is the Son. What benefits do you think the Son could offer that no other leader or prophet could offer?
5. Why do you think people see religious buildings as God's house rather than His people being His house?
6. How does disobedience harden you? If it's disobedience that hardens you then God doesn't harden anyone. God simply gives a command. We respond in obedience=softened heart (or) disobedience=hardened heart.
7. Why will a hard heart keep you circling the same mess year after year?

APPLICATION

1. Have you said YES to the invitation to salvation? If not, say YES to Jesus now.
2. Are there messes you keep circling? You can turn now and make a decision to trust God.
3. Are there areas of disobedience that have hardened your heart? Anger > Hurt > Unforgiveness > Lusts

