Warning Against Unbelief - <u>Hebrews 3:7-19</u>

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Anger, Deceit, Disobedience, Encouragement, Hardheartedness, Holy Spirit, Judgment, Punishment, Rest, Sin

Ope	en It Questions
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Get It Questions	
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14.	What does it mean to harden one's heart?
15.	How does a person's heart become hard?
16.	What can we do to avoid hardening our hearts toward God?
17.	How might the encouragement of a fellow Christian affect you today?
18.	What are the consequences when Christians fail to encourage each other or hold each other accountable?

19.	What circumstances or situations in your life are currently fostering an attitude of unbelief toward God?
20.	What can we learn from the Israelites of the Exodus?
	Oly It Questions What practical steps can you take this week to soften your heart toward God?
22.	What routine can you set up and follow over the next month to help soften your heart toward God?
23.	Whom can you encourage today? How?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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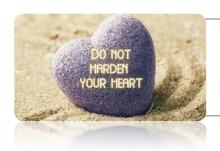
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Bible Study Resources

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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questionnaire



TOPICS



Hebrews 3:7-19 Topics

□ Anger	☐Holy Spirit
Deceit	□ Judgment
□ Disobedience	□ Punishment
□ Encouragement	□ Rest

□Sin

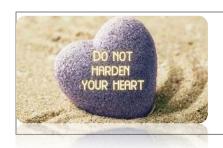
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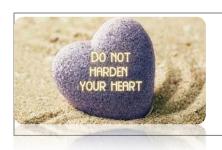
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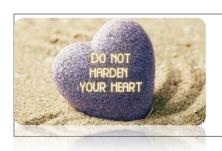
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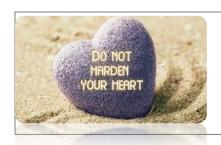
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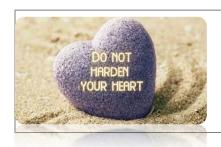
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Throughout the Book of Hebrews the writer referred back to the fragments of truth given in the Old Testament, and reinterpreted them in light of the whole. He spoke of them as "shadows," which dimly outline the reality and yet are not reality. Through it all, the writer showed that the reality which has now been fully revealed in Christ truly was there all along.



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When we begin to think then about the Christian's new "way of life," we are not suggesting that it *contradicts* the Old Testament way of life under Law. Instead, we're saying that shadowy truth about spiritual truth which was contained in the Law has been brought into fresh focus. Now, at last, the basic, heart issue of the believer's lifestyle has been isolated and revealed. From the complicated details of Old Testament regulatory laws, the Book of Hebrews isolates the critical principle. This principle now is to guide us, in Christ, into a life of rest.



Scripture (NKJV)

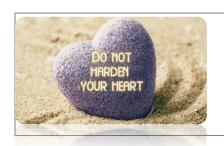


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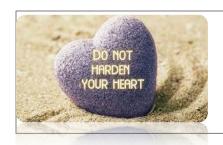
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Lesson Outline



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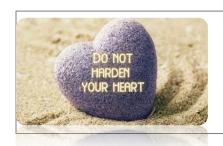
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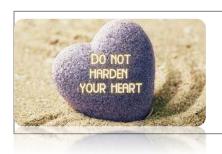
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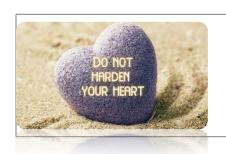
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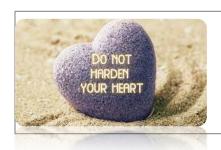
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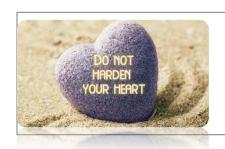
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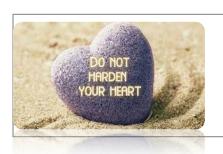
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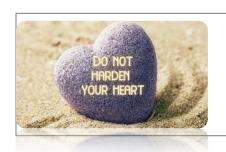
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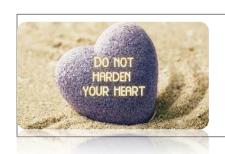
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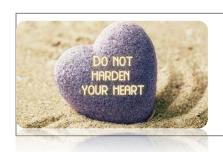
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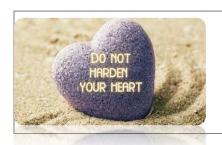
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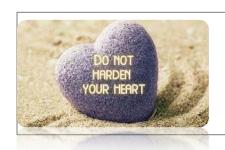


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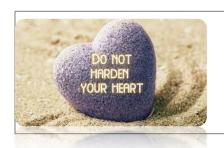
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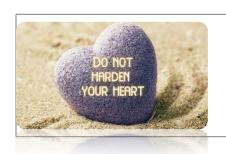
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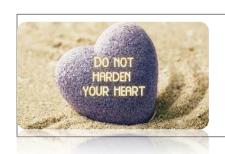


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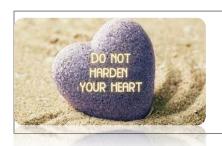


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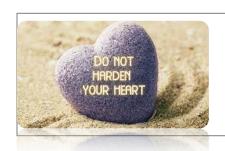
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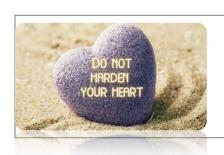


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Get It Questions #13 to #20

Apply It Questions #21 to #23

(See handout)



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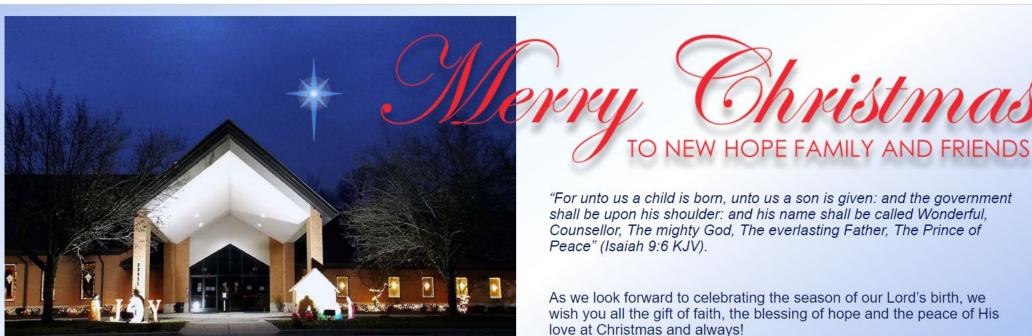
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Christmas Day Worship Service Saturday, December 25, 2021 @10:00am Minister Alicia Martin will bring the preached Word



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Watch Night Service
Friday, December 31, 2021
8:00pm to 10:00pm

Join us for An Evening of
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As we "Press On"
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NEXT
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Wednesday,
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(a)12:00 noon



A Sabbath-Rest for the People of God (Hebrews 4:1-13) NEXT
Virtual
BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @7:00pm