

Warning Against Unbelief - Hebrews 3:7-19

Topics

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

Open It Questions

A. How do you decide whether you take a particular warning seriously?

B. What are the pros and cons of procrastination?

C. What is the most restful time or place you have ever experienced?

D. Why do you think some people follow Christ for a little while and then turn away from Him?

Explore It Questions

1. Who is identified as the author of Psalms 95:7-11? (3:7)

2. What warning (first issued by the psalmist) is repeated here by the author of Hebrews? (3:7-8)

3. How is Israel's period of wandering in the wilderness described in this passage? (3:8)

4. Why was God angry with the generation of Israelites who came out of Egyptian exile? (3:9)

5. How did the Spirit of God describe the Israelites of the Exodus? (3:10)

6. What were the consequences of the Israelites' stubborn disobedience? (3:11)

7. In light of the disobedience of the Israelites of the Exodus, what command was given to the Jewish Christians of the first century? (3:12)

8. How are those described who turn away from the living God? (3:12)

9. What is the connection between sin and unbelief? (3:12-13)

10. How might a person show that he or she has "come to share in Christ"? (3:14-15)

11. How long did the disobedient Israelites wander in the wilderness? (3:17)

12. What happened to the generation of Israelites who rebelled against God in the wilderness? (3:17-19)

Get It Questions

13. How do we "hear God's voice" in our daily lives?

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?

Apply It Questions

21. 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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PRAYER



- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
- The World



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Bible Study Resources

([www.newhope-
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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questionnaire



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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.



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Scripture (NKJV)



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SCRIPTURE (3:7-11 NKJV)

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Lesson Outline



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- I. Be Faithful (3:7-11)
- II. Beware of Unbelief (3:12-15)
- III. Be Obedient (3:16-19)



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Get It Questions
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Apply It Questions
#21 to #23

(See handout)



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All Leaders are required to complete BC-1: ***Self-Confrontation***

Online

BIBLICAL COUNSELING - 15 Week Courses

BC-1

Beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022

BC-2

Beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022

Weekly 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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Merry Christmas

TO NEW HOPE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 KJV).

As we look forward to celebrating the season of our Lord's birth, we wish you all the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always!

The Leadership Team

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



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*Forgetting what is behind and
straining toward what is ahead,*



*I press on toward
the goal to win
the prize*

for which God has called me

Philippians 3:13-14

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Watch Night Service

Friday, December 31, 2021

8:00pm to 10:00pm

*Join us for An Evening of
Prayer, Praise, and
Testimony*

As we "Press On"

Into 2022!!!

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NEXT
In-Person
BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday,
January 5,
2022
@12:00 noon**



**A Sabbath-Rest for the
People of God
(Hebrews 4:1-13)**

NEXT
Virtual
BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday,
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