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# The Peril of Unbelief

Hebrews 3:12-14

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## A. Today's Passage

**Hebrews 3:12-14, NLT** -<sup>12</sup> Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. <sup>14</sup> For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

**Hebrews 3:12-14, TLB** -<sup>12</sup> Beware then of your own hearts, dear brothers, lest you find that they, too, are evil and unbelieving and are leading you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> Speak to each other about these things every day while there is still time so that none of you will become hardened against God, being blinded by the glamor of sin. <sup>14</sup> For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as we did when we first became Christians, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

**Hebrews 3:12-14, NIV** -<sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. <sup>14</sup> We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

## B. Unbelief

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### 1. The caution against unbelief.

“Be careful...” “Beware...” “See to it...” “Watch out...” - v. 1

The Greek word deals less with *seeing* and more with *discerning*.

### 2. The characteristics of unbelief.

**Sinfulness** - Means *to be corrupted over a period of time or to make a decision based on a lie that’s been listened to.*

**Unbelieving Heart** - The deepest part of you becomes unsure about a known truth.

**Turns away from God** - A deliberate turning away from God.

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### 3. The cure for unbelief.

A. Know the attack is coming. “Warn each other every day.”

B. Hold firm to the Gospel. “Trusting (i.e., believing in) God”

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### 4. The community we need against unbelief.

A. We need each other.

B. Community breaks through the deception and peril of unbelief.

C. Community reminds us that *Christ is better.*