

THE CULTURE OF UNBELIEF

Hebrews NKJV 3: ¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

3 John NKJV 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

John NKJV 20: ²⁹ Jesus said to him, **“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

1. Unbelief turns you away from God

Hebrews NIV 3 ⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,
⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,
⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.
¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in *their* heart,
And they have not known My ways.’
¹¹ So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

: ¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

2. Unbelief is rejecting God

Hebrews NKJV 11: ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John NKJV 14: ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and ^[1]manifest Myself to him.”

3. We must learn from Thomas's mistake

John NKJV 20: So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”