

November 7th – The Danger of Unbelief

“So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”
(Heb. 3:19)

The Book of Hebrews is truly amazing. We don't know who the author is but speculations abound. Though we may not know the author's identity, we know he was a Jewish Christian who was an expert on all things Jewish. In today's passage, the author is telling us that the ancient Israelites who were freed from their Egyptian captivity were not able to enter the Promised Land for one main reason – unbelief. Their lack of faith in God kept them from inheriting God's best for 40 years.

The lesson is very clear for us – there is grave danger in unbelief! Unbelief has temporary ramifications. Consider Israel once more – not only did they have to roam the wilderness instead of the Promised Land for 40 years, but every man had to die before Israel could inherit God's promise. If you refuse to believe God and take Him at His Word, it will keep you from experiencing God's best. We need to be very careful not to exchange the truth of God for the lies of the devil.

The worst effects of unbelief are eternal. In fact, Jesus said there is only one sin that is unforgiveable – “blasphemy against the Spirit” (Matt. 12:31). Essentially, blasphemy is refusing to believe God. It can take many forms – attributing the work of God to someone else, doubting the truth of Scripture, failing to surrender one's life to Christ, etc. The ultimate danger of unbelief is that it will send someone to hell forever. There's only one solution – we must place our faith in God and His Word every day!!