

Don't Harden Your Heart

Hebrews 3:7-19

Three Components Set the Tone

- Today: A clear sense of urgency
- Hearing His voice: Attentive and responsive
- Don't harden your heart. A warning that is...
 - A guard and motivation for believers
 - An alarm bell for pretenders

Rejection of Jesus Much Worse than Rejection of Moses

- Rebellion = Rejection of God's appointed representative
- This rebellious spirit from the past always threatens to infect the present
- Rejecting Christ forfeits our only hope of salvation
- Christian community is one of our best protections against deception

Coming up next week...

- A true rest is waiting for the people of God
- A promise that strengthens us in the battle

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Have you ever been "deceived by sin"? If so, did you notice how it made your heart harder? How would you describe that process and experience? How were you able to reverse course?
2. Read Hebrews 3:7, Prov 27:1, Isa 55:6, 2 Cor 6:1-2 and Jn 10:27. How do these verses apply to both believers and unbelievers? Can you think of other, similar passages?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-4:13
 - How do you understand the relationship between the Exodus account, Psalm 95, and our passage? How would you explain it to others?
 - What words or phrases repeat in these 26 verses? How do they help us understand the author's emphasis?
4. Read Hebrews 3:13 and 10:24-25
 - Do these verses reflect local church involvement beyond the Sunday morning worship service? Why or why not?
 - How, specifically, are you exhorting others, and stirring them up? How are they doing the same for you?
5. Read Heb 3:6 & 4:14. Are you confidently holding fast your confession and boasting in your hope? Read Heb 4:9. Do you have assurance that you will one day enter God's rest? On what basis?