Hebrews 3:7-19 "Jesus is Better than the Promised Land" Pastor Robb Oram

subject: Jesus is better than the promised land objective: listen to, believe in, & obey Jesus

I. our hearts are capable of being hardened (vv. 7-11)

- A. harden your heart = become stubborn; unyielding
- 1. deny the Lord
- 2. disbelieve Lord
- 3. disobey the Lord
- "...he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son" (I John 5:10)
- II. we must be careful of being hardened (vv. 12-15)
- A. hard hearts grow from unbelief
- B. we need to continually exhort (encourage, comfort, strengthen, teach) one another
- "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-25)

discussion question: What can cause our hearts to be hardened to the Lord?

- III. there are consequences for being hardened (vv. 16-19)
- A. unbeliever = no heaven
- B. believer = missed spiritual blessings
- C. Promised Land
- 1. physical blessings
- 2. enemies & battles to be fought
- D. Jesus
- 1. spiritual blessings
- 2. eternal life in heaven (no more enemies or battles)