Characteristics of True Believing V2Pt5 Today Hear His Voice and Believe Sunday, January 22, 2023

- I. Entering His Rest
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 - 1. "Entering God's Rest" is having the assurance that what Christ has done in His work of redemption is complete in your life. This "rest" is a place of cooperation with God, and not a place of striving, dead-works or inactivity.
 - a. The promise land of "rest" is NOT a type of heaven; it is a type and shadow of living in the abundant promises of the kingdom of God for you.
 - 2. (Heb. 3:7-12, 15-16; 4:7, 9-12) Let's read first.
 - a. (ch.3:7) Notice the truth that the Bible is the Holy Spirit of God speaking to us. (*ref. Ps. 95:7-11*)
 - b. (ch 3:8) Harden heart as in: rebellion *Meribah*; trial *Massah*
 - When we hear God's word, or see miracles, signs and wonders, and refuse to believe God, God calls our heart hard. A hard heart is a heart gripped in unbelief.
 - When we rely on our 5 senses to verify or evaluate God's word as true, our heart is being hardened.
 - o (Exo. 17:1-7)
 - o (Num. 20:1-13)
 - c. (ch.4:9-11) Did you do any work to be born-again? Did you cleanse yourself of all your sin? No, God did the work, you cooperated by simply believing.
 - d. (v12) Labor to enter the rest by studying God's Word and making the decision to believe it!
 - (2 Tim. 2:15)
 - (2 Pet. 1:16-21 KJV)
 - (Ps. 138:2)
 - (Matt. 24:35)