

Rest (Hebrews 3:7-19)

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(7) Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, (8) do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, (9) where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

(10) Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.' (11) As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'"

(12) Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (13) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(14) For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. (15) As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

(16) For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? (17) And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

(18) And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? (19) So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Practical Application

Christian...

1. Rest in God. Rest in His Son, Jesus Christ. Rest in the Holy Spirit. Enter, enjoy, and experience the fullness of God's rest.
2. Know that when the Bible speaks, God speaks. The Bible is God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
3. Respond to God today as He speaks to you through His Word and by His Spirit.
4. Hear God's voice today. Listen to God's voice today. Respond to God's voice today. Obey God's voice today. Learn to love God's voice today.
5. Don't harden your heart toward God. Ask Him for a soft heart. Maintain a soft heart before Him.
6. Live with a soft, humble, and receptive heart toward God.
7. Don't rebel against God. Trust in Him. Surrender to Him each day. Yield to Him. Know that He wants what is best for you.
8. Pass all of life's tests by looking to, following, trusting in, and obeying Jesus. Don't put Him to the test.
9. Don't let the wilderness of this world lead you astray. You are on your way home to God's eternal Promised Land. You are on your way to Heaven. You are on your way to the New Earth.
10. Don't follow every example of all your ancestors. Always choose God and His ways over any part of your family history that does not align with His character, His truth, and His ways.
11. Whether it's at the beginning, middle (mid-life), or end of your life, you should never put God to the test and live in rebellion against Him.
12. There are some things that provoke God to anger and wrath. Rebellion, hardening your heart, and unbelief bring God's punishment.
13. God wants you to know Him, His ways, His heart, His truth, His love, and His blessing.
14. God wants you to know His rest, peace, and the fullness of His great salvation.
15. Be careful to guard your heart. Don't let evil and unbelief lead you away from the one true and living God.

16. Exhort and encourage other Christians to trust in the Lord, love Him, look to Him, obey Him, and follow Him with all their hearts.
17. Be a regular part of Christian community in the local church. Give and receive regular encouragement and exhortation.
18. Remember how deceitful, blinding, and alluring sin can be. Be wise, discerning, and prudent.
19. The living God will lead you to abundant life now and eternal life forever.
20. You are in Christ and Christ is in you. Evidence of the sincerity of your faith is whether or not it perseveres through life. True faith continues. You can grow in faith, confidence, and conviction. Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ.
21. Follow Jesus today and every day.
22. Don't just hear God's Word, listen to it. Obey it and put it into practice in every area of your life.
23. Learn from the example of Old Testament Israel. You can be a part of the Christian community, led by Christian leaders, and witness God's miraculous provision and blessing, and still not truly believe.
24. There are major consequences to sin, and especially to habitual patterns of unrepentant sin. Look to Jesus so that you can make it out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land.
25. Sinful rebellion, disobedience, and unbelief do not result in entering God's rest now or forever. Unbelief is at the root of those other sins.
26. Believe. Trust. Depend. Rely upon... Jesus Christ. Put your faith in Him fully. Surrender totally to Him. Give your heart fully to Him and receive Him today if you never have.

Announcements

- August 25, New Member class is today from 12-1. Interested in becoming a member at Hope Mountain? This event happens immediately after morning worship and lunch is provided.
- Our Awana Kid's programming and Adult Small Group will start back on August 28 from 6:30-7:30. Dinner is provided from 6-6:30.
- Food Pantry Food Drive: During the month of August we will be collecting items to benefit the Hope Mountain Church food pantry. Please bring your items to the back of the sanctuary at any time during the month.
- New Women's Small Groups have started on Wednesday's, Saturday's, Monday's, and Thursday's. See DonDee Osburn, Ashley Beasley, Kathy Lute, or Diane Davis for more information
- Men Church is tonight at 5pm! We will have dinner, a challenging message for men, and worship together.