

Supreme Son
Do not harden your hearts! Hebrew 3v7-19

Song of Warning

Hebrews 3v7-11 is a quote from Psalm 95v7-11

What was the main message of the Psalm?

Watch that your **h** _____ is not being **h** _____ by sin.

Who does the author say this song is for? v7

Warning – Don't harden your heart

Rebellious heart v8-9

Verses 8-9 are taking us back to the lowest point in Israel's history, soon after they have been rescued from Egypt. They are on their way to the promised land, but all is not well.

What are they grumbling and complaining about? Numbers 11v4-6

Some spies are sent to check out the promised land, but what is their problem? Numbers 13v31-32

How do the Israelites respond? Numbers 11v14v1-4

God's Response v10-11

How does God respond to the Israelites? Numbers 14v20-23

God's anger is not the frustrated temper tantrum that we might throw. God's anger is his, settled, fair and just response to a rebellious people.

Unbelieving Heart v19

Israel's rebellion was a sign of a much deeper and more serious issue – **U** _____

They trusted in their own judgement and not in God's **p** _____.

They chose to believe their own **g** _____ words rather than act on God's **g** _____ word.

Gospel Connection: *God has rescued us from slavery to sin and death, and has promised to bring us to the Ultimate promised land – the new age to come.*

The only way we will get there is continued belief in God's word about his Son.

So don't become like those in the rebellion who hardened their heart to God and did not enter the promised rest.

Wonder – Rejoice at Jesus heart

We can all start the Christian life well – but if we are not careful we can develop a hardened heart. How can I make sure this does not happen?

Wonder at Jesus v14a

In Matthews Gospel God says about Jesus: ‘Out of Egypt I called my Son.’ (Matthew 2v14-15)

This identifies Jesus is the true I _____, the one and only faithful Son. Jesus represents all God’s people.

Jesus went through his own time of testing in the wilderness (Matthew 4v1-3)

[What was the difference between Jesus time in the wilderness and Israel’s time in the wilderness?](#)

Gospel Connection: *Jesus is the true and faithful Son who has overcome sin and temptation for us. Through faith in him we too will enter our eternal rest.*

Hold on by faith v14

We s _____ with faith and we c _____ in faith...to the very end.

Believing the gospel not only m _____ us Christians, Believing the gospel continuously, will k _____ us as Christians.

Watching – Guard each other’s heart

Together we need to watch out for each other.

Examine your heart v12

The wilderness of the Christian life is hard – it’s full of temptation and testing.

[How can we be like Israel in the Wilderness?](#)

What can a grumbling heart lead to? an U _____ H _____

Encourage your hearts v13

Watching our hearts is not just a personal concern it’s a communal responsibility.

How do we become ‘*hardened by sins deceitfulness*’ ?

We begin to listen to the I _____ that God is not good. Rather than look in faith we go it alone. Slowly our hearts become calloused and we can no longer h _____ God’s word about his son.

[How can we encourage each other?](#)

Give some examples of what we might do to help each other in the journey of faith.

Something to think about:

‘Unless our faith is repeatedly encouraged, it lies dormant; unless it is warmed it grows cold; unless it is aroused, it gets numb. Therefore, stimulate one another by mutual encouragement, so that Satan will not steal into our hearts and by his falsehood lead us away from God.’ John Calvin