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November 1 – Hebrews 3:1-19

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.⁵ And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice,⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.’¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,¹⁵ while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

In this portion of Scripture we see the Old Covenant Contrasted to the New Covenant

- Leaders: The Prophet Moses and the Apostle Jesus Christ
- Messages: Moses declared the Law of God but Jesus declared the Grace of God
- Temples: Moses built a physical temple but Jesus builds the spiritual temple, the Church
- Voice of the Holy Spirit: spoke in both periods “Harden not your hearts but believe God”
- Response of the people of God: Refusal to believe and hardening their hearts.
- Results: People from both Old and New Covenant times have hardened their hearts in unbelief while some chose to believe God and possess his promises like Caleb and Joshua.

Why did God become angry with his people?

God had compassion on the seed of Abraham and sent a deliverer Moses to lead them out of the oppression and cruel bondage of being slaves in Egypt. In the process God manifested his power and presence in one miracle after another. Consider all these awesome miracles God did to show his people that he loved them and was with them yet they still chose to rebel and disbelieve in God.

- All the judgements on the Egyptians that didn't touch any of the children of Israel.
- The death of the first born males in all the homes of the Egyptians but salvation of the Israelites that sacrificed the Passover lamb and applied the blood to their door frames.
- The miracle of splitting of the Red Sea to escape while Pharaoh's armies all were destroyed.
- The miracle of God's provision of quail and mana.
- The miracle of water gushing from a rock to quench their thirst in the desert.
- The miracle of the pillar of cloud that gave them shade in the desert during the day.
- The miracle of the pillar of fire that gave them light and protection at night.
- The supernatural writing of the ten commandments given to Moses.
- The audible voice of God that made them beg for God not to continue speaking to them.
- The manifest glory of God that hovered over the temple continually.
- The earth quake that swallowed those that rebelled against Moses after he prayed.

I mean, God did so many miracles to reveal himself to his people that for them to harden their hearts, refuse to believe and obey Him was the kind of defiance that brought the judgement of God upon them. This is why it says that God was not pleased with most of them because they always strayed away from following the Lord. It's for this reason he said they would not enter his rest because of their unbelief and disobedience to God. They lived in the time of the Old Testament but we live in the time of the New Testament since the death and resurrection of Christ.

Paul writes the same warning to us as well to be careful to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and not harden our hearts. This is the warning to us in verses 12-14: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end."

This is strong medicine!

It really makes you take a look at where you're at in your walk with the Lord.

The question is, "What condition is your heart in?"

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A healthy Christian desires to please God and walk as close to the Lord as possible. A Christian with a hard heart resists the voice of the Holy Spirit and many times will have a hostile attitude because they are wrapped up in some sin and that's what the word says about carnal, fleshly minded people. Romans 8:6-7 in the Amplified read: Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- 1) Hebrews chapter 3 outlines many contrasts between the old and new covenant's.
- 2) God became angry and judged his people because of their unbelief and hardness of heart.
- 3) God did many miracles to prove his love and care but most of the Israelites despised him.
- 4) We also are warned to guard our hearts from becoming hardened.
- 5) The only way that we can enter into the rest of God is through faith and trust in the Lord.
- 6) We need to examine our attitude towards God. Do we love and seek him or do we resist him and harden our hearts?

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