

Believing Is Not What We Think

Hebrews 3:12-19

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Introduction

- Some things I just don't or can't understand.
- **Hebrews 3:19** "So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief."
- How could the wilderness generation have a problem with unbelief?

Scripture Reading

Hebrew 3:12-19 ESV

¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion."

¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

MAIN IDEA

Unbelief can keep us from living in the realities of God

- The promised land represents the promises and provisions of God's people.

Unbelief

- About the Past
 - The Children of Israel – forgot God's miracles in delivering them from Egypt.
 - The Hebrew Christians – were warned don't forget the past. Hebrews 3:7-11
 - Us – We need to remember our spiritual roots, testimonies and life experiences.
 - **Proverb 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
 - Mandarin Character "Remember"
When my heart dies, I fail to remember. When I fail to remember, my heart dies.

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- About the Present
 - The Children of Israel – they forgot who was directing them in the wilderness.
 - The Hebrews Christians – some of them lapse back to their old ways.
 - Us – Is the Lord my shepherd and are we following Him.
 - **Philippians 2** ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Unbelief

- About the Future
 - The Children of Israel – God promised to lead them to the Promise Land.
 - The Hebrew Christians – God had promised them His Presence.
 - Us – Promises us the infilling of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. His Word gives us directions for life.

When I do my part, God does His part. We serve God on a need-to-know basis. He gives us what we need to get to the next step in our life.

CONCLUSION:

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ Learn/Know: Belief about the past, present and future is very important.
- ❖ Believe: Proverbs 4:23
- ❖ Do: “Give Myself A Good Talking To”