

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 3:1–19

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,”[a] bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

7 So, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion,

during the time of testing in the wilderness,

9 where your ancestors tested and tried me,

though for forty years they saw what I did.

10 That is why I was angry with that generation;

I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray,

and they have not known my ways.’

11 So I declared on oath in my anger,

‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”[b]

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.”[c]

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.

1. Jesus is the _____ and _____ of the house.
2. Having _____ privileges does not guarantee true, saving faith.
3. A _____ start does not guarantee a _____ faith.

Two Questions:

1. What are the things that _____ me to doubt, grumble, or complain in my _____ with God?
2. What are the things in my life today that are _____ me from Jesus? What _____ of Jesus can pull my focus back upon him?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

How do we put first things first in our lives? How can we order our lives to keep the first things first?

How do we discover and unpack what the Lord has for us?

How do we give first priority to God's mission while we seek to follow Jesus in all that we do?

How does God see us in this passage?

What are the things that cause you to doubt, grumble or complain in your relationship with God?

What are the things in your life today that are distracting you from Jesus?

What attributes of Jesus can pull your focus back upon Him?

How can our group pray for you this week, specifically as you think and pray through this passage of the Bible?