**UNBELIEF IS UNACCEPTABLE**

**Hebrews 3:12-19**

**12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

[**13**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-13/)**But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

[**14**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-14/)**For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

[**15**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-15/)**While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.**

[**16**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-16/)**For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.**

[**17**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-17/)**But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?**

[**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-18/)**And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?**

[**19**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-19/)**So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*The sin of unbelief is so evil that many have ended up . . .**

 **1. Deceived - V-13 talks about those who have been “hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”**

 **2. Departing – V-12 talks about how an evil heart of unbelief leads to “departing from the living God.”**

**\*\*It not only hurts you when they depart, it hurts God!**

 **3. Dead -** [**17**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-17/)**But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?**

**\*\*Unbelief leads to dying Spiritually, Emotionally and Physically.**

 **4. Denied -** [**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-18/)**And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?**

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**\*\*Here is my question that I want to help you to answer:**

**Since Unbelief is Unacceptable in the eyes of God, what does it take to keep from being unbelievers?**

**I. IT TAKES A SELF EXAMINATION**

**\*\*We must take heed and examine our interests, our intents, and our improvements.**

**Example: Does the Lord and the things of the Lord interest us? What is our intent in going to church? Is it to get or to give or to glorify self or to glorify the Savior? Has our walk in believing the Lord improved? Have we grown in the Lord? Or, have we grown more toward not believing and into more doubting God as well as the things of God?**

 **A. We Must Examine Our Hearts**

**Hebrews 3:12 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief,**

**\*\*Do we trust God’s Agenda, God’s Authority, God’s Ability in our hearts and lives?**

**\*\*If you don’t believe God can do mighty works in your life, then why are you here at church?**

 **B. We Must Examine Our Habits**

**Hebrews 3:12b 12 lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

**\*\*An unbelieving heart that isn’t centered on God leads to unbelievable habits that are not centered on God!**

 **1. Does our habits say we have a Love for God?**

 **2. Does our habits say we have a Longing for God?**

**\*\*Examine yourself for unbelief and get rid of it!**

**II. IT TAKES A SACRIFICIAL EXHORTATION**

**Hebrews 3:13** [**13**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-13/)**But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

 **A. Notice the Basis**

[**13**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-13/)**But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day;**

**\*\*To day – just means while you still have the light of day.**

 **1. Sacrificing is an Act of Belief**

**\*\*When you sacrifice your time, your treasures, your tithes, your things, and even your tongue unto the Lord, you are proclaiming to God and the world, “I believe!”**

 **2. Strengthening is an Act of Belief**

**\*\*The word “exhort” means to strengthen, and we are to exhort or strengthen one another daily!**

**\*\*Exhorting and strengthening Bible beliefs in our lives and the lives of others strengthens the Power of Christ and the Power of Christians. There is no power in the church if we do not exhort biblical beliefs!**

 **B. Notice the Benefits**

**Hebrews 3:13b lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

**\*\*If you will believe and Sacrifice and believe and Strengthen, you will avoid . . .**

 **1. A Heart that is Sinful**

 **2. A Heart that is Stoney**

**\*\*There’s no telling how many of us would have turned our backs on God in unbelief had it not been for a strong believing Christian coming along and exhorting us to keep believing!**

**\*\*When you exhort others to believe, it’ll help you to believe.**

**III. IT TAKES A STEADFAST ENDURANCE**

**Hebrews 3:14** [**14**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-14/)**For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

**\*\*In other words, we must be steadfast to the end and never stop believing in the will and the ways of God!**

 **A. Notice the Requirement for keeping unbelief out of our Hearts**

 **Hebrews 3:14b hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

**\*\*When you got saved, you got save because you put your confidence in the Lord through faith and believed that He would save you! Do you still have that kind of confidence in the Lord?**

**\*\*The writer said to go back and get a hold of that same confidence you put in the Lord when you got saved and hold onto that kind of belief steadfast all the way to the end of this thing!**

**\*\*Believe and be steadfast and be Connected, be Committed, be Consistent, be Consumed, and be Close with the Lord!**

 **B. Notice the Reward for keeping unbelief out of our Hearts**

**Hebrews 3:14a** [**14**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-14/)**For we are made partakers of Christ,**

 **1. We are made the People of Christ IF we hold onto confidence in God until the end.**

 **2. We are made the Partakers of Christ IF we hold onto confidence in God until the end.**

**\*\*It has very little to do with your willingness to perform and function for the Lord, and it has a whole lot to do with your willingness to partner and fellowship with the Lord!**

**\*\*Believe God and be steadfast in that until the end.**

**IV. IT TAKES A SPECIFIC EXPECTENCY**

**Hebrews 3:15** [**15**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-15/)**While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.**

**\*\*Two things jump out here: 1) Do Hear 2) Don’t Harden even in provocation (which means bitterness).**

**\*\*Unbelief creeps into our hearts and lives when we stop hearing and start hardening.**

 **A. We Must Hear His Voice**

**Hebrews 3:15b To day if ye will hear his voice**

**\*\*We live in a world of communication and connections through laptops, tablets, I-Phones, I-Pads, and social media; yet, people are disconnected from God the most they have ever been!**

 **1. If you do not believe in a Connection with God, then you will never hear the voice of God.**

 **2. If you do not believe in a Communication with God, then you will never hear the voice of God.**

 **B. We Must Heed His Voice**

**\*\*When God speaks, He expects a Response, a Reaction, and a Reliance to His Voice.**

**\*\*When we heed to His voice, we are making the statement, “I believe,” and when we make that statement, it allows no room for unbelief!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Some people start off believing in the Lord, and then somewhere along the way that got their eyes on the load, the luxuries, the lusts, the looks, the life, and the living and took their eyes off of the Lord which led to more unbelief to a point they turn away from Him.**

**2. In Verse 16, the bible says that some that heard the message to take heed, they got provoked and did not make it out of Egypt alive. “howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.”**

**3. Verses 17 – 18 asked three questions:**

 **A.** [**17**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-17/)**But with whom was he (God) grieved forty years?**

 **B. *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?**

**C.** [**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-18/)**And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?**

**4. Those who did not believe did not have any rest in the Lord. There are consequences for not believing in God.**

**5. Last week I read this passage in Mark 6:5-6 Mark 6:5-6 5And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.**

**\*\*I have three questions for you: 1) Have you ever had unbelief in your heart that God marveled at? 2) Have you ever had unbelief that grieved the heart of God? 3) Will you come and believe upon Jesus Christ as the Savior and ask God for forgiveness for not believing Him?**

**\*\*As long as there is unbelief in your heart, you will be left out of the kingdom of God.** [**19**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-3-19/)**So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

**\*\* Do not leave today with unbelief in your heart because Unbelief is Unacceptable unto God.**