

Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#10 – “A Warning Against Unbelief” – Hebrews 3:7-12

I. Maintaining a high view of Scripture.

A. Devaluing of Scripture is common in the North American church.

1. Examples

B. The Hebrews’ writer has a high view of Scripture.

1. “God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,” Heb. 1:1.

2. “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,” Heb. 3:7.

3. The Apostle Peter – II Peter 1:21.

a. Note also Hebrews 3:7-8

1. Present tense of the verb – “Holy Spirit says.”

4. Consequently, do not harden your hearts.

II. Exposition

A. Hebrews 3:7-9

1. The Holy Spirit as author

2. Warning to not harden heart – Heb. 3:7-8, 13; 3:15; 4:7

3. “Today” speaks to relevance now.

4. D. L. Moody

5. Review of what happened in Israel when they hardened their hearts.

a. The people complained even though they had been miraculously delivered – Ex. 16:2-3

1. Ingratitude and unbelief

b. It was a time of testing – Ex. 17:2-4

c. Numbers 14 is also being referred to by the Hebrews writer.

1. The spies of Numbers 13 came back with an unfavorable report.

2. Numbers 14:8-9

3. God would later say... Numbers 14:11.

4. Moses pleads for Israel – Numbers 14:19

B. Hebrews 3:10-11

1. To “go astray in the heart”

2. The heart is the center of the soul.

3. They shall not enter my rest.

a. John MacArthur

4. Pastor Don’s experience in Israel.

C. Hebrews 3:12

1. The Hebrews writer adds emphasis to what he has been saying.

2. Unbelief is a serious sin. It is dangerous to hear the truth repeatedly and to harden the heart.

3. “Unbelieving heart”

a. Unbelief and apostasy go together.

III. Points for Reflection

A. How does a hard heart develop within a person?

1. Genesis 3:6; Hebrews 10:26-31

B. Beware of clinging to your own self-righteousness.

C. Note the illustration of Massah and Meribah once again.

1. II Peter 1:10