

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

11: “Beware of an Unbelieving
Heart”
Hebrews 3:12-19

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“¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

“¹⁵ while it is said, ‘TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.’ ¹⁶ For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.”

Hebrews 3:12

“¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.”

Hebrews 6:6

“⁶ ...and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.”

Hebrews 3:13

“¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

John 14:16

“¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.”

Hebrews 3:14

“¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,”

John 8:31

“³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.’”

I John 2:19

“¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”

Hebrews 3:16

“¹⁶ For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?”

First

A good beginning does not ensure a good ending.

Hebrews 3:15

“¹⁵ while it is said, ‘**TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.**’”

Second
How dreadful it is to become
hard-hearted toward God.

Hebrews 3:17-18
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angry for forty years? Was it not
with those who sinned, whose
bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸
And to whom did He swear that
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Third
Note the reality of God’s wrath against sin.

Hebrews 3:19
“¹⁹ So we see that they
were not able to enter
because of unbelief.”

**Lack of evidence
is not the cause of unbelief.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism #14
Q: What is sin?
A: Sin is disobeying or not conforming
to God’s law in any way.

**If the wages of sin is death
(Romans 6:23), then were
all of the Israelites who
died in the wilderness also
consigned to Hell?**

**Sin advertises pleasure,
but brings pain.**

**Why do men and women
so easily take the bait?**

**Encourage those around you
to move toward the cross
who may be tempted to not
walk in the faith.**