

I. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY: PERSEVERE IN FAITH IN JESUS BECAUSE... (2:1-4; 3:1f)

1. Jesus is God over all things (Heb.1:1-4; see Jn.1:1f; Col.1:15f,19; 2:9)
2. Jesus is infinitely superior even to the angels (1:5-2:18; as God and as Man)
3. Jesus is infinitely superior even to Moses (3:1-6; Son over >>>servant in; see 2Cor.3:13; 4:4,4,6 w/Heb.1:3)

B. CONCLUSION: CHRIST'S CHILDREN SHOULD EXCEL MOSES' CHILDREN (3:6f, 16f; see 2:10f)

1. Moses' children hardened their hearts (3:6-11, 16-19; see 1Cor.10:1-13; Ps.78, 81, 106)
2. Christ's children must not harden their hearts (3:12f; see 4:1-3; Mt.24:12)

II. HARDNESS OF HEART IN THE BIBLE

A. HEBREWS 3 (see Ex.17; Num.20; see 1Cor.10:1-13; Ps.78, 81, 106)

1. hardness: *sclerosis* (8,(13),15; see 4:7; Zech.7:12)
2. heart: inner person & root of all (8f; 4:12; 2Cor.4:16; & Mt.12:34f; 15:18f)
3. insolent provocation (Meribah); hostile trial (Massah), presumptuous testing (8,9; 16; see Dt.6:16; Mt.4:7)
4. careless wandering, willful ignorance (10,11; Jer.14:10; Hos.9:17; 1Cor.15:34; Eph.4:18; 1Tm.6:10)
5. evil unbelief (12, 19; see 4:2f; see Lk.9:41; 2Cor.4:4; Tt.1:15; Rev.21:8)
6. apostasy (12b; see 6:6; Ps.101:3; Mt.13:21; 24:10,12; 1Tm.4:1)
7. deceitfulness of sin (13; see 17; see Mk.4:19; 7:21f; 2Th.2:10; 2Pt.2:19)
8. disobedience (18; see 1Jn.3:4; Jms.4:17)
9. unbelief (19; see 12; inclusion; see 1Jn.1:10)
10. summary: unbelief, rebellion, disobedience, apostasy, death (3:7-19)
11. application: today; 40 years (13(7f); 9; see 2Cor.6:2)

B. SIMILAR IDEAS

1. hardened heart (Dt.15:7; Mt.19:9; Mk.3:5; 8:17; 16:14; see Jms.4:17)
2. cold heart (Mt.24:12; see Rev.3:16)
3. heart in fat (Ps.17:10)
4. uncircumcised heart (Lev.26:41; Jer.9:26; Ezk.44:7f; Acts 7:51)
5. stiff neck (2Kngs.17:14; 2Chr.30:8; 36:13; Neh.9:29; Jer.17:23; 19:15; Acts 7:51)
6. darkened mind (Eph.4:17-19; Rom.1:28,31)
7. suppressed truth (Rom.1:18f; 21f, 24f; 28; see 2Th.2:10)
8. seared conscience (1Tm.4:2)
9. closed, blinded eyes (Mt.13:14,15; 2Cor.4:4)
10. dull, deafened ears (5:11f; Neh.9:29; Acts 7:51; Mt.13:15f; see Ezk.2:4f; 2Tm.4:1f)
11. application: circumcise your heart! (Dt.10:16 & 30:6(Rom.2:29; Lk.11:13); Jer.4:4(&16; Col.2:11,12); see Lev.26:41; Neh.9:29)

C. A FEW EXAMPLES

1. Cain (Gen.4:6f)
2. Esau (Heb.12:15f; see 4:1f)
3. Pharaoh (Ex.4:21(7:13) // 8:15(9:34); Is.63:17; see Rom.9:17,18; see B.,10 above!)
4. Korah (Num.16:1f; see Lev.26:41; Rom.1:18f)
5. Saul (1Sam.13:8f; 15:9f)
6. Judas (Mt.27:4; see Acts 1:16f)
7. Demas (12; Col.4:14; Phlm.1:24 | 2Tm.4:10; see 1Jn.2:19)
8. summary: hear His voice & see His works! (7,9 /Ps.19:1f; Jn.5:25,28; 10:3,16,27; Rm.1:18f; 2T.3:14-4:5)

III. DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEART: HEAR HIS VOICE & SEE HIS WORKS! (3:6f, 14)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)