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David Warns a Sleepy People

Hebrews 3:7-13

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will seek to understand how and why Ps.95:7-11 is being used in our passage.

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

Two Main Headings: (1) David's warning understood (2) David's warning applied.

I. David Warns a Sleepy People.

- (a) The Audience and Context of Ps.95
 - Audience – Israelite decedents of those who perished in the wilderness, but who themselves knew the blessings of God.
 - Historical Context – written by an elderly and wise older, experienced King David.

JOB12:12 “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?”

- (b) David's 2-Fold Message – 1.Praise/Worship 2.Warning

CH SPURGEON describing the 2-Fold Message of David:

“It (Ps.95) has about it a ring like that of the church bells, and like the bells it sounds both merrily and solemnly, at first ringing out a lively appeal, and then dropping into a funeral call as if being rung slowly upon a death.”

PSALM 95 1-11

vv.1-7a – Positive Call to Praise/Worship

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7a For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

vv.7b-11- Negative Warning against Unbelief

7b To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

- “the story of Israel after the exodus from Egypt is chosen as a solemn instance of how easy and fatal it is to forfeit privilege by practical unbelief.”

v.7 – Scripture as God’s Voice.

The writer of Hebrews will refer to Scripture as:

35 = GOD Speaking

4 times = the SON speaking

5 = the HOLY SPIRIT speaking

v.7 – Urgency to hear God’s Words – TODAY!

“God that hath promised pardon upon our repentance hath not promised to preserve our lives until we repent.”

v.8 – An awful result – Hardness of Heart

(hardness) σκληρύνω sklay-roo'-no “to become obstinate or stubborn”

v.9 – Unavoidable consequence – contention w/ God

vv.10-11 The peril of their example

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION:

The blessings of Christ, His Covenant and His Gospel are true and certain because of who He is, what He has done and what He has promised. However, these gospel truths are never to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. These blessings cost Jesus dearly. While they are truly free to us, they weren't to Christ.

For the Christian – Perhaps you come here today, with a low-level appreciation of gathering with God's people to celebrate His works and worship Him as LORD and Savior. Perhaps, in this text today you sense that like the Israelites you have become deaf to God's voice as revealed in His Word because what it is demanding, thereby becoming hardened.

Please know that in order to have the rest intended by God you will need to heed His ways. There are no short-cuts with God. He does not expect you to do it alone and His strength is sufficient for today. Come today and ask God, your heavenly Father to forgive you, restore you and strengthen you.

For the Unbeliever – Upon examination of this text you perhaps have been made aware of your serious position which your unbelief against the claims of Jesus and His Gospel have placed you. If that's the case I pray that you also come to see and know the invitation to be forgiven of your unbelief. V.7 says **TODAY** hear His Voice. You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.