

### **The Remedy for Apostasy (Hebrews 3:12-15)**

- “Beware” – the word strongly signals that there is danger nearby
- The danger is the sin of denying God, specifically denying Christ
- Evil is the antithesis of God –unbelief – turning away from God
- Jewish Christians in danger of turning from the Gospel back to – OC
- Apostle develops argument: Jesus superior to prophets, angels, Moses
- From 2:7-11 the apostle gives the witness of the Holy Spirit on Israel:
  1. *They did not hear His voice: would not listen and believe (v.7)*
  2. *Their hearts grew hard in their rebellion during their trial in the wilderness (v.8)*
  3. *They tested God for 40 years in their unbelief in the face of God’s great works (v.9)*
  4. *From hardness of hearts & unbelief strayed in their heart to worship idols (v10)*
  5. *They proved they didn’t know God & unable to enter God’s salvation & rest (11)*

#### **I. A Serious Warning: Beware (3:12, 12b)**

- An evil heart of unbelief leading you to fall away from the living God
  - Jeremiah 17:5 “cursed is the man who trusts in man”
  - Flipside Jeremiah 17: 7-8 “Blessed is the man who trusts the Lord”
  - Jeremiah 2:13 my people committed two evils
- Evil unbelieving heart leads to a heart deceived by sin & hardened in sin

#### **II. A Wonderful Exhortation and Encouragement (3:13 a, b, 14)**

- “Exhort one another daily”
- “For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end”
  - Galatians 3:1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:3