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Hebrews 3:1-4:2

- I. Same Church: New Testament Believers Are in the Same Church as Old Testament Believers—but We Have a Greater Leader
 - A. Moses Was a Great Leader over God’s Church
1 Cor. 10:1f; Heb. 3:17-19, 3:2, 3; Num. 12:6-8

 - B. But Christ Is the Greater Leader of God’s Church
 - 1. Christ Is God 3:3, 4
 - 2. Christ Is the Son 3:6a^{1 2}
 - 3. Christ Is the Apostle 3:1
 - 4. Christ Is the Builder of God’s House 3:3, 6

 - C. And We and Moses Are in the Same Church
Heb. 3: 5, 6; Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19-20

- II. Same Temptations: New Testament Believers Have the Same Temptations as Old Testament Believers
 - A. Old Israel Was Tempted to Unbelief
Heb. 3:19-4:2; Num. 14:10; Ps. 95:10, 11

 - B. We Are Tempted to Unbelief Heb. 3:16-19; 4:1-2

 - C. The Call to Persevere in Faith Is the Same for Us All
Heb. 3:12, 19, 6, 14, 7, 8 (C.f. Ps. 95:7, 8)
 - 1. Perseverance in the Faith Is Not:

 - 2. What it Looks like When Someone Is Not Persevering:

 - 3. Perseverance Is:

- III. Greater Warning: New Testament Believers Have the Greater Warning than Old Testament Believers

Quotes:

“Remember that very few men and very few ministers, keep up to the end the edge that was on their spirit at the first.”

“Trials . . . have a tendency to distinguish between true religion and false, and to cause the difference between them evidently to appear.”

Jonathan Edwards

“Justification is by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone. . . . faith alone justifies but a justified person with faith alone would be a monstrosity which never exists in the kingdom of grace. Faith works itself out through love (Gal. 5:6). And faith without works is dead (Jas. 2:17-20). It is living faith that justifies and living faith unites us to Christ both in the virtue of his death and in the power of his resurrection. No one has entrusted himself to Christ for deliverance from the guilt of sin who has not also entrusted himself to him for deliverance from the power of sin (Rom. 6:1-2).”

John Murray

“I have found the seeds of every sins in my heart.”

Robert Murray M'cheyne

“The reformed doctrine of perseverance is that a regenerate soul will certainly persevere through the trials of life and continue to believe and repent. He will slip and fall, develop bad habits, wrestle with doubts, but through it all he will keep on going even as he began. . . . all believers slip and fall into sin. But the truth of the matter is that no believer stays down. Just as god gave him faith and repentance unto initial conversion, so he supplies him with faith and repentance all along the way to heaven.”

Curt Daniel, *The History and Theology of Calvinism*

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill

1. Without the definite article. 1:1,2; 3:6; 5:8; 7:28. Point not to suggest indefiniteness, or A son among others. Discussion is that Christ is uniquely Son. Often without the article is use to give qualitative force or connotation stress unique character. So 1:1,2 omission of the article means final revelation is Son character— heightens the uniqueness. —Gaffin

2. —allusion to Num. 12:7, God’s rebuke of Miriam and Aaron who rebel against Moses “my servant Moses . . . is faithful in all my house . . . Moses the one I speak to face to face.” —but Moses is speaking to God, pre-incarnate Christ