

THE DANGER OF HARDENING YOUR HEART Pt. 3 (Hebrews 3)

A. The BACKGROUND to HEBREWS You Need to Know.

B. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed.

1. Do not _____ mentally from your _____ and His so great _____ through _____ of Him. (2:1-4)
2. Do not _____ through _____ in _____ from your focus and fellowship with _____ in the _____ you are facing. (3)
 - a. The *basis* of this second exhortation again centers around the _____, _____, _____, and _____ of the _____. (2:5 –18; 3:1a)
 - b. The *recipients* of this second exhortation are identified as _____ who are _____ in reference to all _____, not a select group. (3:1b)
 - c. The *emphasis* of this second exhortation is to _____. (3:1c)
 - d. The *rationale* to “consider ... Christ Jesus” in their daily walk of faith is because ...
 - 1) He is the _____ par excellence, meaning the One _____ on a _____ with authority and power to carry it out like none other. (3:1d)
 - 2) He is the _____ par excellence of our _____, which involved Him having made _____ in the past for our _____, and now presently providing _____ from Heaven when we are being tested like none other can. (3:1d, cf. 2:16-18)
 - 3) He keeps on being _____ to God who appointed Him as _____ also was _____ in the past in all His _____. (3:2)
 - 4) He has been counted _____ of _____ than Moses. (3:3-4)
 - 5) He is faithful as a _____ His own house and the _____ of the OT types and prophecies, while Moses was a _____ all God’s house for a prophetic _____ of Jesus Christ in the NT. (3:5-6a)
 - e. The *shift from Jesus Christ as our faithful and functioning High Priest to our present need to be faithful to Him* requires that “we _____ the _____ and the _____ of our _____ to the end.” (3:6b)
 - Why is this being addressed?
 - What condition needs to be fulfilled by these believers?
 - Will this be automatic for all ‘real’ believers?
 - Do you have a choice in this matter? What does this underscore to you?

- What exactly are believers to hold fast?
- What is NOT the consequence for a failure to “hold fast”?
- What are the consequences of a failure to “hold fast”? How do we conclude this?
- For how long are we to “hold fast”?

f. The *warning* in this second exhortation is, “_____ your _____.” (3:7-19)

1) The *implications* of the previous exhortation (3:1-6) and *introduction* of this warning (3:7-19) is underscored by the word _____. (3:7a)

2) The *Old Testament reference* for this warning is _____ which has a context of _____, remembering that God is your _____ and you are His _____. (3:7b)

- How does the Holy Spirit speak to you today?
- Is it important to remember this basic truth in Psalm 95?

3) The *content* of this warning is _____. (3:8a)

- What does this mean and is this possible in your life?

4) The *process* of hardening your heart involves ongoing _____ and _____ in the face of _____ amidst the _____ and _____ of life.

- “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...”
- How does this apply to you?