

Hebrews 3:12-13: Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART

Memory Verse: Hebrews 3:12-13

Lesson #1

Lesson Text: Hebrews 3, 4, 10:32-39

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I. How This Is Done.

A. Through The Deceitfulness Of Sin.

1. Sin causes the word of God and the things that he has done for us slip from our minds. The sinning child of God simply forgets them. Heb. 3:13
Heb. 2:1
2. Sin makes us neglect our salvation or not regard it. Heb. 2:3
3. The word of God is powerful. Sin causes us not to believe it. Heb. 4:2; 4:11-12
Then, it cannot help us.
4. Sin makes us forget we were once purged from our old sins. II Pet. 1:9

B. Sin Deceived Aaron.

1. Aaron went with Moses up into the mount. Ex. 24:1, 9-18
2. Along with the others he saw God. Ex. 24:11
3. Moses and Joshua goes up. Aaron and Hur are left in charge. Ex. 24:12-14
Moses is there 40 days.
4. The people assumed Moses was dead. Aaron exalted himself, he knew God had not chosen him to be leader. Ex. 32:1-32
5. They were blotted out of God's book. Ex. 32:33-35

C. Sin Deceived Nadab And Abihu.

1. Like the others in Exodus 24, they too saw God. Lev. 10:1-10
2. They had been set apart for the ministry. Lev. 8:13-36
3. Through self-exaltation, pride, and drunkenness they committed sin and died. Lev. 10:2
4. Like their father Aaron, they allowed the experience on the mount to slip from their minds and were deceived.

II. Israel's Unbelief.

Heb. 3:15-19; Ex. 15:22-27; Ex. 16:1-3

A. The Waters Of Marah Were Filled With Chemicals And Therefore Unfit To Drink.

B. They Provoked God By Murmuring. Three Days Earlier They Were Rejoicing.

Ex. 15:24; Ex. 15:20-21

C. God Proves Them.

Ex. 15:25-26

D. Twelve Wells Of Water.

Ex. 15:27; Ex. 16:1-3

1. A great place to rest from the harsh desert.
2. God knew they were hardened by sin. He knew they could not stay in this lovely place or they would quickly forget the miracle of Marah. Ex. 16:1
3. Back to murmuring. Ex. 16:2-3
4. Miracles are meant to increase our faith, but the natural man will soon forget and lapse into unbelief.

LESSON CONTINUES ON REVERSE OF THIS PAGE

- III. Call To Remember - Continue To Believe.
- A. Like The Israelites In The Wilderness, The Hebrews Had Experienced Many Miracles And Were Enjoying Blessings Of Prosperity.
- B. Paul Stirs Up Their Faith By Reminding Them Of The Former Days. Heb. 10:32-34
- C. Do Not Be Like Israel And Cast Away Your Confidence (Faith). Heb. 10:35
- IV. Confidence And Faith. (The Two Terms Are Interchangeable.)
- A. It Is The Substance Of Things Hoped For. Heb. 11:1
- B. It Is The Evidence Of Things Not Seen. Heb. 11:1
- C. We Must Hold Fast The Confidence With Rejoicing Firm Until The End. Heb. 3:6
- D. Do Not Cast It Away But Keep Looking For The Reward. Heb. 10:35
- E. Without Faith We Cannot Please God. Heb. 11:6
- F. Faith Gives Us Patience. Rom. 8:23-24; Heb. 10:36-37
- V. Sin Makes Us Not Appreciate God, Deut. 32:15-20
- A. Jeshurun Waxed Fat And Kicked. This Is True Of Saints Today. Deut. 32:15
- B. Prosperity Led Them To Strange Gods. Deut. 32:16-17
- C. They Cast Away Their Confidence. Deut. 32:18
- D. Children In Whom Is No Faith. God Will Hide His Face From Them. This Means They Will Not Enter In. Deut. 32:19-20
- VI. Things To Remember When Your Faith Is Weak.
- A. The Spirit Helps Our Infirmities And Jesus Makes Intercession For Us. This Will Happen When We Are About To Lose Hope. Rom. 8:26
- B. They Work Together For Our Good Because We Are Predestinated. Rom. 8:28; Rom. 8:30
- C. Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace. Heb. 4:16