

Warning Against Unbelief - Hebrews 3:7-19

Topics: Anger, Deceit, Disobedience, Encouragement, Hardheartedness, Holy Spirit, Judgment, Punishment, Rest, Sin

Open It

1. How do you decide whether you take a particular warning seriously?
2. What are the pros and cons of procrastination?
- * 3. What is the most restful time or place you have ever experienced?
4. Why do you think some people follow Christ for a little while and then turn away from Him?

Explore It

5. Who is identified as the author of Psalm 95:7-11? (3:7)
6. What warning (first issued by the psalmist) is repeated here by the author of Hebrews? (3:7-8)
- * 7. How is Israel's period of wandering in the wilderness described in this passage? (3:8)
- * 8. Why was God angry with the generation of Israelites who came out of Egyptian exile? (3:9)
9. How did the Spirit of God describe the Israelites of the Exodus? (3:10)
10. What were the consequences of the Israelites' stubborn disobedience? (3:11)
- * 11. In light of the disobedience of the Israelites of the Exodus, what command was given to the Jewish Christians of the first century? (3:12)
12. How are those described who turn away from the living God? (3:12)
13. What is the connection between sin and unbelief? (3:12-13)
14. How might a person show that he or she has "come to share in Christ"? (3:14)
15. How long did the disobedient Israelites wander in the wilderness? (3:17)
16. What happened to the generation of Israelites who rebelled against God in the wilderness? (3:17-18)

Get It

17. How do we "hear God's voice" in our daily lives?
- * 18. What does it mean to harden one's heart?
19. How does a person's heart become hard?
20. What can we do to avoid hardening our hearts toward God?
21. How might the encouragement of a fellow Christian affect you today?
22. What are the consequences when Christians fail to encourage each other or hold each other accountable?
23. What circumstances or situations in your life are currently fostering an attitude of unbelief toward God?
- * 24. What can we learn from the Israelites of the Exodus?

Apply It

25. What practical steps can you take this week to soften your heart toward God?
- * 26. What routine can you set up and follow over the next month to help soften your heart toward God?
27. Whom can you encourage today? How?