

Hear His Voice

S.R. Hebrews 3:7 - 11

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Introduction

- A. The Supremacy of the Son
- B. The Wilderness of Sin – Rebellion and Lost Opportunities
- C. Solution - God’s Rescue Mission – God’s Atoning Sacrifice
- D. Sabbath – God offers a Rest that Remains
- E. Sword – God’s word unsheathed Pronounces His judgment.

I. The Son (Hebrew 3:1 – 6)

- A. The Law was a shadow of the good things to come but the true form of these realities is Jesus (Heb. 10:1).
 - 1. Christ the Creator (Heb. 1:2)
 - 2. Christ the Savior (Heb. 1:3)
 - 3. Christ the Son (Heb. 1:4 – 5)
 - 4. Christ the King (Heb. 1:6 – 8)
- B. This priest enters not through an earthly tent, but rather, a Heavenly Sanctuary (Heb. 9 – 10)
 - 1. Not through the blood of animals, but through the blood of Jesus (10:4)
 - 2. Not a limited access priest but the one who passed through the heavens.
 - 3. The one who has sat down at the right hand of God (1;3; 4:14)
 - 4. A priest who in every respect has been tempted, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15)
- C. This Priest and King is ascribed purity, power and prominence.
- D. The Spirit speaks of this Creator King who has designed a “house” for His people.
- E. These first and 21st century believers were facing an identity crisis.
- F. “God’s household is for those who forget what is behind and hold fast to what is near and press on to what lies ahead.” (Timothy Ruffin)

II. The Sinners – The Conflict of the Wilderness (3:7 – 11)

- A. These wanderers went from slavery in Egypt to slavery in Sin. (cf. Acts 7:35-43)
- B. Looking back at a miserable past of failure and rebellion the Holy Spirit reminds us (3:8 – 9) “

- C. The Spirit makes use of Psalm 95: 8 – 11 and reminds his audience of the connection between Moses and Israel to Christ and His church
- D. The Spirit reminds them and us that refusal to listen carefully to the words of God results in: wrath of God (3:10) and loss of reward for obedience.

III. The Solution – Urgency in Hearing as Obedient Believers (3:12 – 4:2)

- A. Take care – beware – See to it – watch out. (2:1; 3:12; 4:1; 4:11)
- B. What is the danger? An evil and unbelieving heart.(4:13)
- C. God’s grace is not so amazing if our sin is not so destructive.
- D. It was not hard for God to bring Israel out of Egypt.
 - 1. The challenge was to get Egypt out of Israel. (Acts 7:43)
- E. We must fear the wrath of God as a true motive for obedience (Heb. 4:1).
 - 1. We must trust God to keep His promises of wrath and mercy.
 - 2. Each is assured based upon the fact that God cannot lie.

IV. A Sabbath Rest of Comfort Remains (4:3 – 11)

- A. God’s Ultimate rest was not satisfied by Joshua leading God’s people into the Promised land.
- B. David assured his readers hundreds of years later that a “rest remains for the people of God”. (Psalm 95)
- C. Could a rest remain for the people of God even though the Israelites had rejected God’s promised rest? Absolutely.

V. The Sword – the Culmination (4:12 – 13)

- A. The Sovereign King has Spoken (Heb. 1:1 – 2) “spoken by His Son”
 - 1. “You are My Son” (1:5)
 - 2. But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever” (1:8)
 - 3. Must Pay much close attention to what we have heard (2:1)
- B. The Holy Spirit has Spoken
 - 1. “Today if you *hear* His *voice* do not harden your hearts” (3:7, 15; 4:7))
- C. Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two – edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and or marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
- D. God’s Word is Powerful. (Heb. 4:12 – 13)

VI. Conclusion: Draw Near to this Great High Priest to Hear His Voice (4:14 – 16)