

Trust and Obey

Hebrews 3:7-19

Hebrews 3:7-19 does not teach that one can lose their salvation. Rather, it teaches us to continue trusting and obeying because we are saved.

- I. The historic _____ (7-11)
 - A. Israel's _____ (7-9)
 - B. God's _____ (10-11)

- II. The present _____ (12-19)
 - A. Do not be _____ (12-15)
 - B. Do not be _____ (16-18)
 - C. Do not be _____ (19)

- III. The continuing _____ (13-15)

Unbelief is at the root of all sin. Specific sins are like rotten fruit hanging on a bad tree. But this is not the real problem; it is not the disease, but just the symptom. If we are greedy or hateful or selfish or dishonest, that is just the evidence of dead and rotten things deeper inside . . . Unbelief is the root system that feeds the whole rotten tree of sin. By contrast, it is believing God that causes us to obey him. Noah is a good example. He believed when God foretold the flood, and it was because of his belief that Noah went ahead and built the ark. On the other hand, because the Israelites had never come to know God and had not believed his promises, they rebelled against him and sinned in the desert. The issue of faith versus unbelief is at the core of every spiritual issue.

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