

Hebrews 3:7-4:13

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Introduction: Real Holy-Spirit Christianity! Psalm 95 worship: joyful celebration, humble delight, submissive listening.

1. Teachable Faith

- a. Beware evil hearts of unbelief
 - i. Hard-hearted sermon listening is departing from God!
 - ii. Soft-heartedness goes beyond the sermon into our weeks
 - iii. The deceitfulness of sin: coronary sclerosis begins with wanting to do what we want to do
- b. Diagnosed by disobedience
 - i. Similar problems, then and now (v13/17, v19/12)...
 - ii. Even church members who have great pastors (Moses! David!) and know/see God's salvation
 - iii. How much worse if we do it now with Christ!
- c. Departing from Christ our God = death (cp. v14, 6)

2. Entering God's Rest

- a. The way to enter: faith. The way we listen to sermons reveals faith or the lack thereof
- b. What rest? God's rest
 - i. What Adam looked forward to but didn't achieve
 - ii. What Moses' generation lost by their rebellion (not the land)
 - iii. b/c What Joshua didn't give them
 - iv. and What was still in the future at the time of David
- c. Enjoyed *in prospect* via weekly Sabbaths (v9) until we leave this life (v10). This is the "Today" of Psalm 95—a special day, for a special event, in which the Holy Spirit does a special work

3. Holy Spirit surgery: God's living and powerful Word

- a. Our obedience is more of a function even of what the Word does with us, than of what we do with the Word
- b. Soft-heartedness in hearing is the key to being brought to obedience
- c. Soft-heartedness often unpleasant but absolutely necessary
- d. Listen on the Lord's Day in the light of the Day of the Lord

Conclusion: are you clinging to Christ? You can answer that question by examining how You interact with Him in His Word.