

Harden Not Your Hearts in the Day of Testing. Heb 3:12-14 (Part II)

- Last Sunday: the ‘If’ of vs 6b & 14: State of being and not becoming
- Perseverance is clear evidence & a valid authentication of living faith
- Author of Hebrews is not seeking to unsettle their faith but confirm it
- We recognized: the problem of their sinful rebellion was unbelief

(3:19)

I. WARN: Beware an Evil Heart of Unbelief (3:12)

- “Beware” an evil unbelieving heart- Hebrews defines evil as unbelief
- The Israelites saw the miracles, rebelled and perished in the desert
- To rebel against and reject God’s Son Jesus is a truly evil thing

No greater evil: unbelief, leading us to depart from the living God

- ‘Living God’: All powerful God (Heb 4:11; 10:31; Matt 10:28)

II. EXHORT: Daily While It Is Called Today (3:13)

Vs 7, 13 “Today if you will hear His voice” “As long as it is called today”

The danger is so serious regarding falling away – urgency of today

To be hardened- rebelling, drifting away, unyielding to God’s voice

Deceitfulness of sin: Has God really said (**Gen 3:4-6; 4:6-7**)

Exhort one another: to love, good works, daily fellowship, avoid willful sin, maintaining confidence, eagerly anticipating Christ’s return

III. Promise: Partakers of Christ – Holding firm our Confidence (3:14)

Evidence of our position in Christ: Holding firm our confidence to the