

HEB 3:7-19

HERE: WE HAVE THE SECOND GREAT WARNING -
THE FIRST: (CH 2:1-14) A WARNING ABOUT - -
- - DISREGARDING THE SALVATION OF GOD -

THE SECOND: ~~FORSAKING~~ "FORSAKING THE
SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST" -

(vs 7-19) "vs"

THESE "CAN BE DIVIDED AS": (WARNINGS)

- I] KEEP YOUR PROFESSION FIRM - (7-14)
- II] KEEP YOUR POSSESSION FAULTLESS - (15-19)

I] KEEP YOUR PROFESSION FIRM - (7-14)
"WARNING"

- "IF YOU HEAR THE HOLY SPIRIT... THEN STAND
FIRM... IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST -

"DON'T DISBELIEVE OR DISREGARD THAT FAITH
IN CHRIST... AS... LORD + SAVIOUR... AS NOT
ENOUGH" - IT IS -

"DON'T DEPART FROM FAITH IN CHRIST... AND
CHRIST ALONE" -

"^{God} HE USES THE EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL IN THE
WILDERNESS

THIS WARNING: (I) IS FROM THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

(IF) YOU HEAR IS VOICE... KEY "WILL" YOU HEAR
"YOU CAN HEAR"

(8-11) AS RELATED TO THE "REBELLIOUS" ISRAELITES

I "KEEP YOUR PROFESSION FIRM"

A THE SPIRIT - ⑨

SEVEN MENTIONS OF THE SPIRIT
IN HEBREWS

- ① 2:4 = GIFTS, DISTRIBUTIONS -
- ② 3:7 = SPEAKING? -
- ③ 6:4 = MADE PARTAKERS OF -
- ④ 9:8 = HOLY SPIRIT SIGNIFYING -
- ⑤ 9:14 = HOLY SPIRIT OFFERING CHRIST BLOOD -
- ⑥ 10:15 = HOLY SPIRIT BEARING WITNESS -
- ⑦ 10:29 = DOING DISPIKE UNTO THE HOLY SPIRIT -

HOLY OF ALL
NOT IN ~~THE~~
Tabernacle

NOTICE: "THESE ARE THE CONTINUOUS
WORKING DESIRES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

IN THE CONSTANT, CONTINUOUS -- "NOW" --
TODAY:

"IF YOU WILL" -- YOU CAN HEAR HIS VOICE

"TO THESE HEBREW BELIEVERS"

DON'T GO THE WAY OF A HARDEN PEOPLE --

"ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS" -- "WHO"

"REFUSED TO HARKEN" --

THE SPIRIT IS SPEAKING -- IN GOD'S GRACIOUS

VOICE -- "IF HEARD" -- "WILL BRING" --

"GREAT BLESSING"

TODAY -- HEAR -- NOTE:

- ① TODAY = HEAR (US 7)
- ② TODAY = DAILY (US 13)
- ③ TODAY = DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEART (US 15)
- ④ TODAY (US 4:7) TWICE, "DO NOT HARDEN"
"GOD IS SPEAKING"

③ THE SCRIPTURE = (8-91) "^{THEY} ^{ISRAEL} DID NOT HEED"
"THEY PROVOKED GOD"

① THE EXPERIENCES THEY HAD -

- ① THEY HAD SEEN THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT -
"TO LET THEM GO"
- ② THEY HAD WITNESSED THE SLAYING OF -
THE FIRST BORN -
- ③ THEY HAD SEEN THE SEA PART -
- RED SEA -
- ④ THEY HAD WITNESSED HIS DELIVERANCE -

② THE EVIL HEARTY THEY HAD -

- ① THEY "TESTED" GOD -
YOU SAID "GO" - TAKE "THE LAND" - BUT
WE DON'T BELIEVE "WE CAN"
- ② THEY "REBELLED" AGAINST MOSES -
(OVER)

THEY CRITICIZE AND COMPLAINED --

"BECAUSE OF JUDGEMENT" -- 40 YRS IN WILDERNESS (17)

ATTEMPT TO KILL MOSES -- THUS -- THEY ALL
DIED IN THE WILDERNESS -- (NUM 14)

③ HOW DID THIS APPLY -- TO THE HEBREW CHRISTIANS

THEY -- "WERE PROVOKING GOD" -- OR -- "ON
THE VERGE" -- "BY" -- BRINGING BACK
THE LAW -- ALONG WITH "FAITH" ALONE
"WHICH"

TAKES AWAY THE "REST OF GOD" --

TO "A "LIFE OF RELIGION" WHICH WALKS
IN "FORMS" & ~~OTHER~~
~~OTHER~~

"SHUTTING OUT" FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD"

④ THE SERIOUSNESS APPLIED -- (10-11)
ISRAEL THEY REFUSED THE "REALITY OF GOD" --
"THEY ERR IN THEIR HEARTS" (10)

"SON"

GOD'S WRATH WAS KINDLED -- &
GOD'S REST "WAS IMPOSSIBLE" FOR THEM --

THE HEBREW BELIEVERS -- WERE RETURNING TO:

THE LEVITICAL SYSTEM:

✦ THEY CONSIDERED THEMSELVES "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE"

✦ NEVER "INQUIRED" CONCERNING THE "PERSON" WHO DWELT AMONG THEM --

"IN THEM"



MANY PROFESSING CHRISTIANS TODAY ARE
CONTENT -- TO BELONG TO SOME CHURCH -- OR
DENOMINATION -- OR SOME DOCTRINAL CREDE
"WHICH RELATES"
TO THE WORKING & DOING FOR GOD --

(BUT) → GOD WANTS US: "INDIVIDUALLY"
TO ENTER HIS REST -- KEEP OUR PROFESSION
"FIRM"

[BY FAITH ALONE: LIFE'S CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE
CANNOT EXCEED ITS FAITH --
"WALKING" IN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP &
"FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD" --

HE IS A "LIVING GOD" (12) --

WHO WANTS "SO MUCH" AN INTIMACY WITH
"US"

NOT RELIGIOUS (RITUALS) -- "FOR"

"WE ARE "PARTAKERS" OF "CHRIST" -- (14)
"KEEP CONFIDENT"

II] KEEP YOUR PROFESSION FAULTLESS (15-19)
POSSESSION

→ HOLD THAT 'POSSESSION' OF CHRIST...
"FAULTLESS" FROM "BEGINNING" TO "END" →

(TRUE BELIEVERS HOLD FAST TO THE END)

INITIAL
FAITH

FRUIT
OF FAITH

ALL CAME OUT OF EGYPT... BY MOSES (16)

"BUT" ALL DID NOT ENTER GOD'S REST...
THEY "BELIEVED NOT"

① SPIES: ONLY JOSHUA + CALEB BELIEVED

① THEY AGREED... FRUIT OF CANAAN
LAND OF MILK + HONEY

② 10 REFUSED... "GIANTS IN THE LAND"
TASK TOO BIG

THEY TRUSTED GOD FOR DELIVERANCE
"BUT" NOT TO PROVIDE THE PROMISE
LAND — "LIMITED FAITH"

GOD
CAN'T
DO IT

NO REST BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED NOT

→ THEY DIED IN THE WILDERNESS →

LOST TO GOD'S REST

⑧ SERVANTS: (JOSHUA + CALEB)

THEY BELIEVED -- GOD HAS GIVEN THE
LAND -- IT IS OURS !!!
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— "THEY HAD FAITH" — AND GOD ALLOWED
THEM TO HAVE THE LAND —

⑨ STRAIDFAST — ⑬ HOLD ONTO YOUR FAITH

① IN YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE —

② BE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ALONE &
SERVE WITH HIM —

THE WHOLE PROBLEM ⑩ "SUMMERSED" ⑱

NO FAITH — "IN GOD ALONE" — THEY WERE:

① UNWILLING: "TO ADHERE TO" — "TRUST IN" —
"RELY ON" — "GOD" —

② UNBELIEF: (HAD SHUT THEM OUT)

TAKE HEED — TO THIS WARNING

(LISTEN & DON'T REFUSE)

III KEEP YOUR FAITH, THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT
FOR REST - [4:1-5]

- THERE ARE AT LEAST 5 WARNINGS IN HEBREWS.

[MANY EARNEST CHRISTIANS, EARNEST SOULS
MISREAD THESE WARNINGS:]

- THESE WARNINGS ARE "CONSISTANT" & "SERIOUS"
ABOUT NOT GIVING ATTENTION -- TO GOD'S
MESSAGE -

(3:7) IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE... "HARDEN" NOT
YOUR HEART... & AGAIN IN (4:7)

[NOT HEEDING -- "IN FAITH" -- IS HARDENING]

"OR"

NEGLECT: GOD'S SON & HIS SALVATION
IS TO FALL INTO A STATE OF FINAL
APOSTASY -- WITH ETERNAL WOE -

YOU SEE?
"NEGLECTERS" BECOME "REJECTORS"

UNBELIEF HARDENS:

(IN VS 1-5) "FAITH" OR "NOT FAITH"
IS THE KEY -

THE "WORD OF HEARING" -- DID NOT PROFIT THEM --
WHY? -- "NO FAITH", "NO REST" -- "WE" WHO BELIEVE

(V3) "WE" -- "WHO HAVE BELIEVED" -- "ENTER" --
INTO THAT REST --

EVEN A "LITTLE FAITH" -- IS "ENOUGH FAITH" --
"WE" WHO BELIEVE -- "ENTER"

GOD IS TELLING -- THOSE WHO READ, WHO HEAR
"YOU" -- "THE READER" "NOW", "TODAY" -- HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND --

LET US "FEAR" -- (V.S. 1) THAT WE WILL LEAVE "THE
PROMISE" "BEHIND" -- "TO REST IN GOD"

"MISSING" "THE EXAMPLE"
THE "LAND OF CANAAN" -- OR "REST"

"REMEMBER"

- A "LITTLE FAITH" -- IN THE PROMISE -- WILL
BRING YOU IN --

A "LITTLE FAITH" BRINGS A SOUL TO HEAVEN
-- A "GREAT FAITH" BRINGS HEAVEN INTO A SOUL

- LET US "FEAR" -- "ANY SOULD" "SEEM TO"
COME SHORT OF IT --

THE KEY = "FAITH" -- CONSIDER

(A) THE PROGRESSION OF FAITH -

INVOLVES "THE RESULT":

DOES "MY FAITH" RESPOND TO GOD'S INSTRUCTION?

① A "FAITH" THAT DOES NOT SUCCEED -

THE HEARER - "DOES NOT RESPOND"
"WITH BELIEF"

(NO REST) - (BECAUSE I MUST WORK) - REMOVING GIANTS -

VS 2 "NOT MIXED WITH FAITH"

I CANNOT WIN OVER THE ~~GIANTS~~ GIANTS
IN MY LIFE - TAKE THEM AWAY

② A FAITH WHERE THE RESPONSE IS BELIEVING -

"DO ENTER" VS 3 BUT "ANXIOUS"

THOUGH ~~THE~~ THE WORKS WERE COMPLETE
BEFORE THE WORLD

YET "I MUST DO SOMETHING" - (LET MY
FAITH - LIVE + WORK)

③ A FAITH THAT RESPONDS AND TRUSTS COMPLETELY -

(VS 4) "GOD DID REST ON THE DAY"

"THE WORK WAS FINISHED" (ALL WORKS)

"SO" NOW - WE LIVE IN A "SABBATH REST" -

(B) THE PERSON OF FAITH - ADDRESSED HERE!

- [THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS WEAVING] - SAY

WHAT ABOUT ABRAHAM -- THE CHILDREN WHO ARE CHOSEN -- WE ARE HEBREWS --

"WHAT ABOUT MOSE'S -- THE LAW -- THE RITUALS"

(IN VSI) GOD SAYS: "YOU JUST SEEM TO FALL"

THOSE WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS -- "HEARD" BUT NO FAITH APPLIED --

"DIED" WITHOUT REST OF CANAAN DID NOT ENTER -- "EVEN MOSES" BUT --

"THEY DID LEAVE EGYPT" -- "IF YOU DON'T LEAVE EGYPT -- THE LOST -- YOU HAVE NO PROFIT -- NO FAITH" (2)

"BUT"

"WE" -- THOSE ADDRESSED HERE -- "DO" ENTER -- LEAVING THE "LOST WORLD" OF EGYPT -- "NOW" -- "MOVE ON" -- TO

COMPLETE REST:

LEAVING THE OLD -- ^{MOSES} LAW OF ~~RITUALS~~ RITUALS

ENTERING THE NEW -- "RELATIONSHIP" OF TOTAL REST WITH CHRIST --

TOTAL REST

© THE PRECIOUSNESS OF FAITH -

HERE!

- THE TRUE BELIEVER - CAN FAIL - AS ISRAEL
FAILED - IN THE WILDERNESS -

- THE WILDERNESS WAS TO BE PASSED
- THROUGH - ON TO THE PROMISE LAND -

↳ "WELL - ^{BUT} AT LEAST WE ARE OUT OF
"EGYPT" - BONDAGE - SLAVERY -

MANY BELIEVERS - HAVE THE IDEA - THAT
FAILURE TO "ENTER" INTO ALL GOD HAS FOR
US - IN CHRIST:

IS REGRETTABLE "BUT" NOT SERIOUS -

(WE CAN SUM THIS UP IN 3 WORDS!)

① THE FIRST IS "FEAR" - (US)

IT IS "A SERIOUS THING TO NOT GO ON
WITH THE LORD - IN YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE"

THIS IS THE "CHIEF BURDEN" OF THIS
WHOLE "BOOK OF HEBREWS" -

GOD IS SAYING

PRESS ON -- IN THE THINGS I HAVE FOR YOU -- AND -- MAKE OUR SALVATION EVIDENT TO ALL --

IT IS TRUE THAT A BELIEVER CANNOT LOSE HIS SALVATION -- BUT -- HE CERTAINLY CAN LOSE HIS REWARD --

IF WE LIVE ~~DOWN~~ ^{LIFE} AS BORDERLINE CHRISTIANS -- JUST IN -- AND ARE ~~NOT~~ INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE WORLD -- WE LOSE & GOD LOSES --

"FOR WE FAIL TO SERVE HIM" -- REWARD LOST

② FAILURE --

-- "TO IDENTIFY WITH THE CHURCH & THE WORK" --

THEY WOULD NOT IDENTIFY WITH JOSHUA & "CALEB" -- "SO" THE REPORT OF THESE FAITHFUL MEN BROUGHT -- DID THEM NO GOOD --

[NUM 14:7-9]

"THE LAND WE PASSED THROUGH TO SEARCH IT -- IS AN EXCEEDING GOOD LAND -- IF THE LORD DELIGHT IN US -- HE WILL BRING US INTO THE LAND -- AND GIVE IT -- REBEL NOT AGAINST THE LORD -- NEITHER FEAR THE PEOPLE --"

GOOD TIDINGS -- BUT "THEY COME WITH BATTLES" "BUT DON'T FEAR, THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S" --

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS FULL OF BLESSING &
BATTLES --- "BUT" THE "FOE" HAS BEEN STRIPP OF
HIS POWER !!!

"BATTLES" YES --- BUT VICTORY WON

WITH SUCH GREAT TIDINGS" ---

"WHAT A PITY TO FAIL" ---

THE ANSWER:

TO FEAR & FAILURE --- EXERCISES:

③ FAITH --- "THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT"

VS 3 WE HAVE BELIEVED ---

FAITH IS --- THE GOD-ORDAINED WAY OF
APPROPRIATING --- THAT WHICH GOD HAS

PROVIDED FOR US

① SALVATION ---

"THE RESULT"

② SANTIFICATION ---

OF FAITH

③ SERVING ---

FAITH --- THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR
REST & PEACE

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