

## Teaching - Hebrews 3: 7-19

### Sermon – Danger, New Covenant! Part 2

Date – August 8, 2021

In 3: 7-11, the preacher of Hebrews is addressing the congregation's weariness with a message about rest. The sermon that we read/hear speaks to us through Psalm 95:7b-11 and this Psalm is used in two ways.

- It begins with a historical recitation of a story where the children of Israel had been disobedient. But all is not lost.
- It is not a historical recitation, but it is addressed again for "Today!" Today we have an opportunity to recommit our faith to God through Jesus Christ. This is not so much a date in time, as it is a call to experience the refreshment of the Lord, through Jesus. (v.7)
- The second way that this Psalm is used is to address the issue of Rest. (v.11)
- In the creation, God took time to rest after his completion of the work of creation. We were created on that last day, so our first full day in the world is a day of rest. Therefore, we should not rest from our work, but rather we ought to work from our rest.
- Rest also points to the end of time, the finished work of redemption and the Kingdom of God in its fullness, when Christ is revealed as Lord. Pain and death are no more.
- Rest is also in the middle of time when people worship God, confident of the victory of God.

In vv. 12-15, the Preacher offers a word of encouragement,

- "See to it, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart..." (v.12)
- "Encourage one another, every day, as long as it is called "today" (v.13)
- For we have become partners of Christ (brothers and sisters)! (v.14)

In vv. 16-19, the preacher returns to the past as a warning. This last section deals with the story of rebellion from Numbers 13:25 – 14:45.

- Question 1 from Hebrews 3:16 is taken from Numbers 14:22.
- Question 2 is from Hebrews 3:17 and it is from Numbers 14:33.
- Question 3 is from Hebrews 3:18 and it is from Numbers 14:43.

Three other references of rebellion are found in:

1. Exodus 32:1
2. Matthew 16:23
3. Galatians 1:6

Questions:

1. Share a time when God has spoken/whispered to you a word about your life. What was the time of that encounter?
2. Who did I encourage in the faith yesterday?
3. Who will I encourage in the faith today?

4. How am I rebelling against God today? Where have "I" put me in front of God and "we"?