

Hebrews 3:1 – 19 NIV Connections

In the beginning...What truth did the Holy Spirit stir in you through the sermon Sunday?

Memory Verse: 'So we see that they weren't able to enter. That's because they didn't believe.' Hebrews 3:19 NIV

Let's dig into the Bible for Truth:

Read Hebrews 3:1 – 6 (also Ephesians 2:18 – 22):

1. Jesus, who we are to keep our eyes fixed upon, is said to have what two roles in our lives?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. "Jesus has been found to have greater honor than _____". Why is it important for the writer to make this statement?
3. _____ is over God's House: the Church

Read Hebrews 3:7 – 15 (also Psalm 95:6 – 11):

1. What warning does the writer give twice concerning the heart?
"DO NOT _____ your heart..."
2. What are the two key things that invoked the anger of God (v. 10)?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. What one word defines a sinful heart? (v. 12) _____.

Read Hebrews 3:16 – 19 (also Numbers 13 & 14):

1. According to this text what is the main sin of the children of Israel?
_____ (see John 16:8 – 11).
2. What is the one thing that will keep people from entering into God's rest?
_____.

"But be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only..." James 1:22 What Now?

Application time:

1. Since we have accepted Jesus as our apostle (messenger) and priest, how will we apply this to our daily Christian life?
2. What does it mean to be God's house and how will we apply this truth at work, school, home or in the marketplace (see also Eph. 2:18 – 22)?
3. What part of the Bible do we need to acknowledge we struggle to believe?

4. What could help us believe again? What will be my next steps to grow my faith and reverse unbelief?

Summary: *This chapter reminds us that Jesus is our messenger and priest – the one through whom God speaks, and by whom we have access to God. THEREFORE, faith in Christ is essential to receive the benefits of God’s Great Salvation Plan. Jesus is the only way to God (John 16:7). Faith is necessary as Jesus stated in John 3:16 “Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish...” As faith in Christ reconciles us to God; unbelief separates us from Him. Oh, he doesn’t move away from us but we neglect the benefits of this reconciliation through not believing. Salvation is not initiated by “our faith” but by God’s grace. However, faith is the necessary human response to His grace to receive the “rest” the Gospel promises to bring to the human soul. When we “hearken to His Voice...” faith comes to us (Romans 10:17). We have access to His voice everyday through His Word (the Bible), enabling us to strengthen our faith daily.*