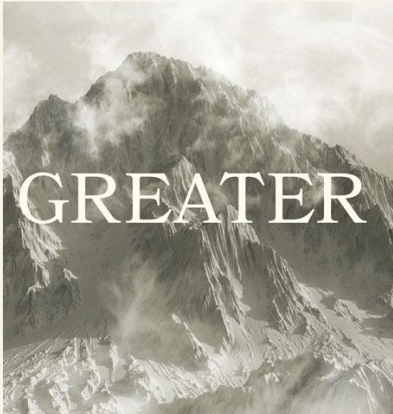


THEREFORE, HOLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
WHO SHARE IN THE HEAVENLY CALLING, FIX YOUR
THOUGHTS ON JESUS, WHOM WE ACKNOWLEDGE AS
OUR APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST. HE WAS FAITHFUL
TO THE ONE WHO APPOINTED HIM, JUST AS MOSES
WAS FAITHFUL IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE. JESUS HAS
BEEN FOUND WORTHY OF GREATER HONOR THAN
MOSES, JUST AS THE BUILDER OF A HOUSE HAS

JESUS is GREATER

GREATER HONOR THAN THE HOUSE ITSELF. FOR
EVERY HOUSE IS BUILT BY SOMEONE, BUT GOD IS
THE BUILDER OF EVERYTHING. "MOSES WAS FAITHFUL
AS A SERVANT IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE," BEARING
WITNESS TO WHAT WOULD BE SPOKEN BY GOD
IN THE FUTURE. BUT CHRIST IS FAITHFUL AS THE
SON OVER GOD'S HOUSE. AND WE ARE HIS HOUSE.
IF INDEED WE HOLD FIRMLY TO OUR CONFIDENCE
AND THE HOPE IN WHICH WE GLORY.



HEBREWS 



Guarding Against a Hard Heart Hebrews 3:7-19

Hebrews 3:7-19 (NIV)

So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion." Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

I. The Reality of a Hard Heart

Verse 7-9 – "So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did."

II. The Reasons for a Hard Heart

Verse 12 – "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God."

Numbers 14:11 (NIV)

The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?"

Deuteronomy 9:23 (NIV)

And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust him or obey him.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 (NIV)

"Our forefathers were all under the cloud and they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did."

III. The Remedy for a Hard Heart

- Guard your Heart

Verse 7, 8 – "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

- Give Your Heart

Verse 13 – “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NIV)

Love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Ezekiel 11:19-20 (GNT)

“I will give them a new heart and a new mind. I will take away their stubborn heart of stone and will give them an obedient heart. Then they will keep my laws and faithfully obey all my commands. They will be my people, and I will be their God.”