

Hearing, Hardening, Hell

Hebrews 3:7-19

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,

In the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,

And saw My works forty years.

10 Therefore I was angry with that generation,

And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,

And they have not known My ways.’

11 So I swore in My wrath,

‘They shall not enter My rest.’” (cf. Ps 95:7-11)

Numbers 14:22-23

“because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.”

Heb 3:12-13

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today’, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

Heb 3:15-19

“Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**.

Unbelief

- **Knowing** God in the head but not in the heart.
- **Ignoring** what God says in His Word, i.e. hearing but not doing.
- **Preventing** God from changing our heart.
(***Hardening!!***)

“The doors of hell are locked from the inside.”

C.S. Lewis

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- Can we really say we believe in God if we *resist* His work in us?
- Can we truly claim Christ's forgiveness if we are not in fact *sorry* for what we are doing?
- Are we serious about going to heaven if we *delight* so much *in the ways of hell*?

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“For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.” **Heb 3:14**

Live it out - 2

Hell tells us:	Heaven replies:
It's not my fault	Take responsibility
I can't help it	"I can do all things through Christ" (Phil 4:13)
I was born this way	You can be born again

Live it out - 3

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Heb 3:13