



NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 6

HEBREWS 3:7-19

1. What truth, verse or insight from your study of **Hebrews 3:1-6** did the Holy Spirit bring to mind this week and how did it spur you on in your confidence and hope?
2. Before you read **Hebrews 3:7-19**, pray and ask the LORD to prepare your heart to hear the warning contained in the passage. What is the tone of the warning and how does the author emphasize the seriousness of ignoring this Scripture?
3. What is the warning given to believers and how does the author tie the warning to the past based on **v7-9**?
4. **CHALLENGE:** What were some of the ways the Israelites rebelled "during the time of testing in the wilderness"? See **Exodus 17:1-7** and **Numbers 13:25-29, 14:1-4**.

5. a) From **Hebrews 3:10-11**, how did God respond to the Israelites' rebellion and what was His diagnosis of the cause of it?
- b) When have you, someone close to you or a character in Scripture, experienced a period of restlessness that resulted from rebellion or hard heartedness, and what can you learn from it?
6. a) There is a strong warning and an encouragement in **V12-14**. Rephrase these verses in terms of do's and don'ts.
- b) **V12** refers to the sinful unbelieving heart that turns away from God while **V14** contrasts those who share in Christ and hold their "original conviction firmly to the end." What is the original conviction of followers of Jesus and what do you think it means for us to "share in Christ"? Refer back to **Hebrews 3:1-6**.
7. Read **V15-19**.
- a) Who heard and rebelled, and what were the consequences of their rebellion?
- b) How was their relationship with God impacted by rebellion?

8. Write one truth that you will take away from the warning in **V7-19**. NOTE: *A truth is about God or about humanity, and it remains true for all times, all people, everywhere.*

9. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER OBEDIENCE

In light of the Israelites' prior rebellion and disobedience, the author of **Hebrews** warns the followers of Jesus not to turn away from the living God or be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We are encouraged to fix our thoughts on our obedient Messiah and hold firmly to our confidence and hope in Him. See **Hebrews 3:1-6**. Spend some time praying against the disobedience of a hardened heart for yourself, your household and the church today.

MEMORY VERSE

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God." Hebrews 3:12

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PRAYER REQUEST