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PSALM 95:6–11 / HEBREWS 3:12–19

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HEBREWS 3:12-19**

The Type

Egypt

Pharaoh

Moses (deliverer)

Israel

Moses (Law giver)

Cloud & Sea

Wilderness

Canaan

Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion

The Antitype

The world

Satan

Jesus (deliverer)

The church

Jesus (Law giver)

Baptism

Christian life

Heaven

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► Christ is apostle & High Priest - 3:1

- Written to Christians - “holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling ... of our confession” - 3:1; 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Thes 2:14; Col 1:12
- Apostle: “one sent” by the Father to declare His will (Heb. 1:2,3; John 17:18,19; 20:21; Mat. 17:5; 28:18-20)
- High Priest: Mediator, Advocate; offered Himself for us (2:17; 4:14,15; 5:1-10; 7:27; 9:12)

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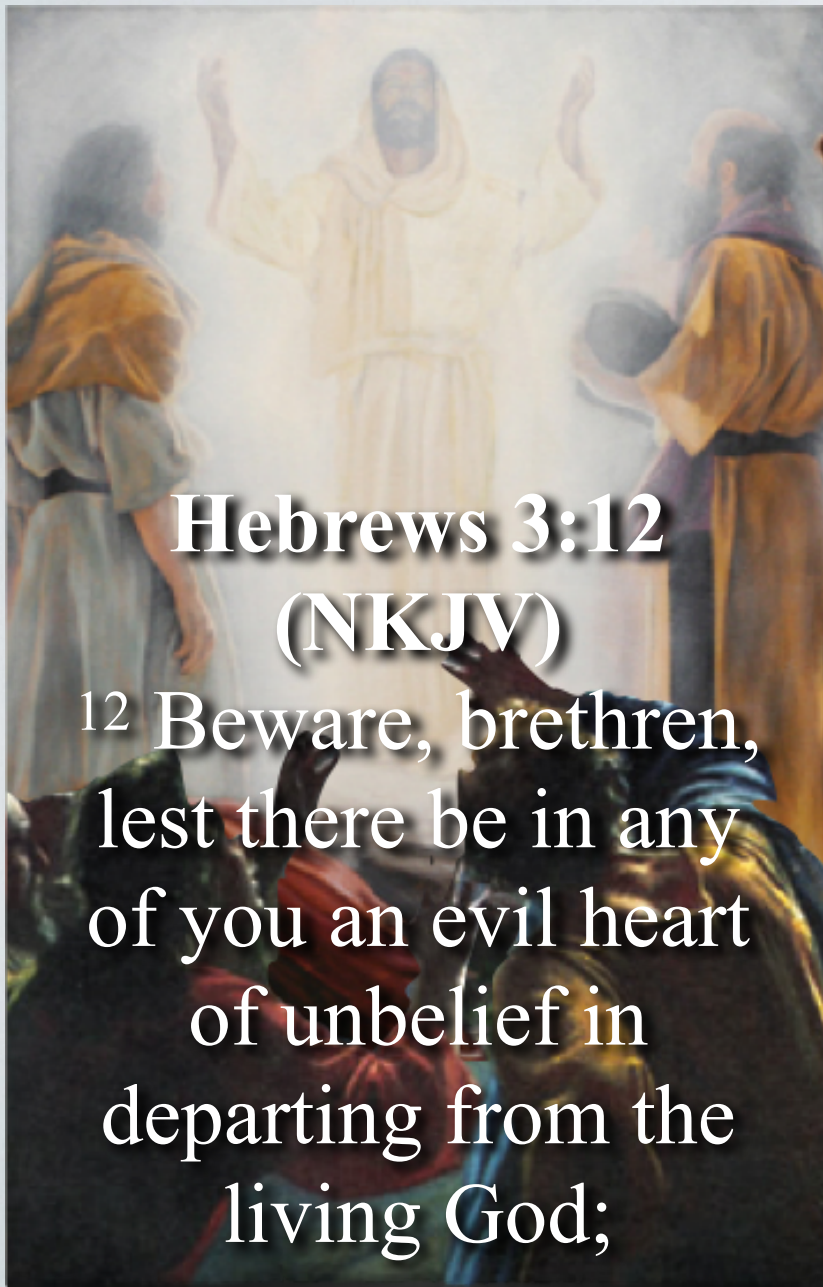
► **Moses was God's servant, Jesus is God's Son - 3:2-6**

- Christ superior to Moses as builder of His own house (3:2-4; 1:3; Col 1:1-18; Mt 16:18; Ep. 2:21, 22; 1 Ti. 3:15)
- "Son over God's house" (3:6; Mt 17:5)
- "Whose house we [believers] are "IF" [conditioned on] we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. (3:6; 4:11; 6:11; 10:23, 35, 38, 39).

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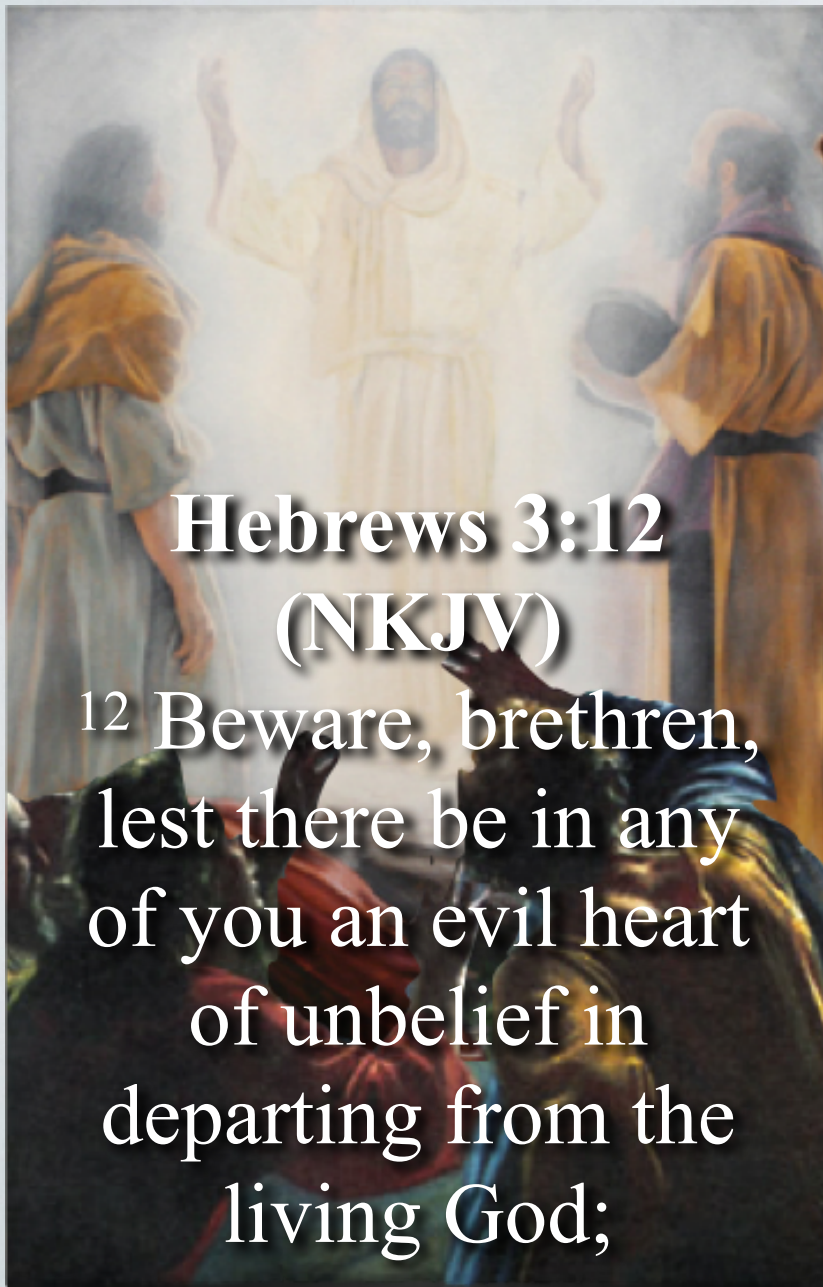
► A warning from the Israelites in the Old Testament (3:7-19)

- The writer quotes Ps 95:7-11
 - ◆ “Today, if you will hear His voice”
(Those to whom the Psalmist wrote)
 - ◆ “Do not harden your hearts” (They refused to allow God to lead them)
 - ◆ “They tempted Me, proved Me”
 - ◆ “They do always err in their heart”
 - ◆ “They do not know My ways.”
 - ◆ “They shall not enter My rest.”

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► A warning from the Israelites in the Old Testament (3:7-19)

- The Hebrew writer applies Ps 95:7-11 as a warning to Christians (3:6-11; cf. 1 Cor. 10:1-13)
- “Today, if you will hear His voice” (3:8; Jam 1:22; 4:13-15; 2 Cor. 6:2)
- “Do not harden your hearts” (Ex. 8:15; 1 Sa. 6:6; 2 Ki. 17:14; Mat. 13:15. Ac. 19:9. Ro. 2:5, 6)

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PHARAOH - Ex. 8:15

JEWS - 1 Sa. 6:6

WE CAN BE LIKE THEM

“In the day of trial in the wilderness”

“test God, Try God,”

“go astray in OUR heart”

“not knowing God's ways”

“shall not enter God's rest.”

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► How A Heart Can Become “HARD”

- Fail to acknowledge Jesus as LORD (Ex 5:2; Mat. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46)
- Embrace counterfeits (Exodus 7:10-12; Galatians 1:6-7; 2 Tim 4:3,4)
- Not willing to pay the price of obedience (Exodus 5:4; 10:7; Luke 9:23-26; Philippians 3:7)
- Develop a Habit of Sin (Jeremiah 6:15; 1 Timothy 4:2; Roman 1:18-32)



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- Misinterpret God's Mercy / Discipline (Ex. 8:15; Rom. 2:4-5; Heb. 12:4-11)
- Think God's Will Can Be Changed to Accommodate Partial Compliance; Cultural Changes; or Our Personal Desires (Exodus 8:25; 10:10-11,24; Heb. 13:8,9; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 3:15-18)
- Failure To Truly Repent When Given The Opportunity (Ex 8:8, 28; 9:27-28; 10:16-17; Deut 6:12-15; Mat. 7:21-23)



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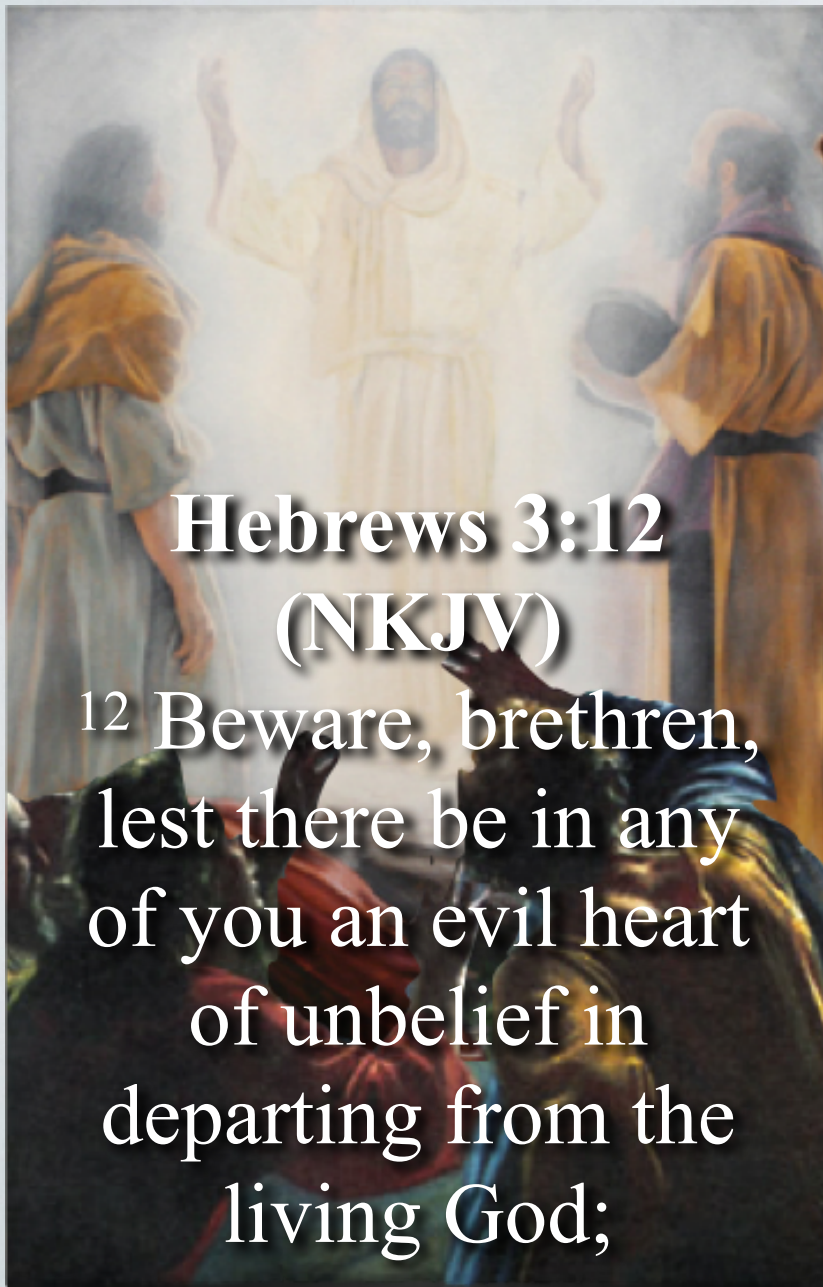
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► Lest through unbelief we depart from the LORD ...

- A believer CAN develop an EVIL HEART (2:1-3; 12:15; Prov. 4:23)
- A believer CAN become an UNBELIEVER (1 Cor. 10:1-13)
- A believer can DEPART from God (Gal. 5:1-7; 2 Pet. 2:20-22)
- When a believer departs from God, getting them to return is nearly impossible (2 Pet. 2:21; Heb. 6:4-6)

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► **While it is called “Today”** We need to be building each other UP!

- By caring for one another (Rom. 12:15,16; 1 Cor. 12:26)
- By encouraging one another to remain faithful w/ God’s word (Ac. 11:23; 1 Thes. 2:11; 4:18; 5:11)
- By worshipping together (10:24,25; 1 Co. 11:23-26; 14; Ep. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- Reproving, rebuking & correcting those in sin (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Tim. 5:20)

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- There is great danger in being separated from one another (3:13; Heb 10:25,26)
- Sin is deceitful and the hardening tendencies of sin can often be counteracted by truly concerned fellow Christians (Ep. 4:22; Gal 6:1-3)
- Encouragement is a two way street (Rom. 15:1; Gal. 6:1-3; Jam. 5:13-16)

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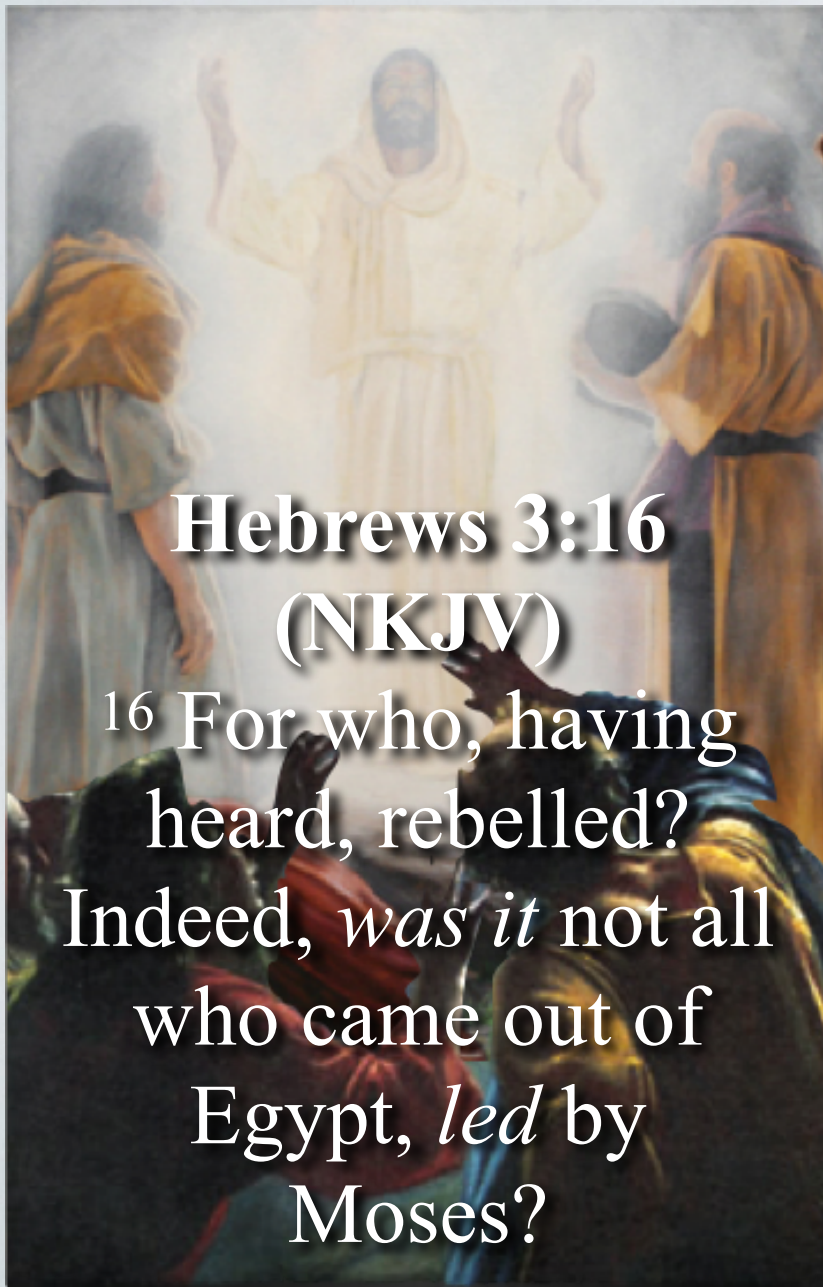
► **“Made partakers of Christ if” (3:14,15)**

- Our obtaining the promised rest (heaven) is conditioned on holding firmly to it by faithfulness (Titus 1:2; Rom 8:17-24; 1 John 2:22)
- The Bible teaches the security of the believer (John 5:24; 6:35-40; 10:28,29; Rom 8:28-39)
- But what IF a believer becomes an unbeliever? Unbelievers will be lost (Heb 4:1,11; 6:4-6; 10:26-31; 1 Cor. 9:27; 10:1-13; Gal. 5:1-4; 2 Pet 2:20-22)

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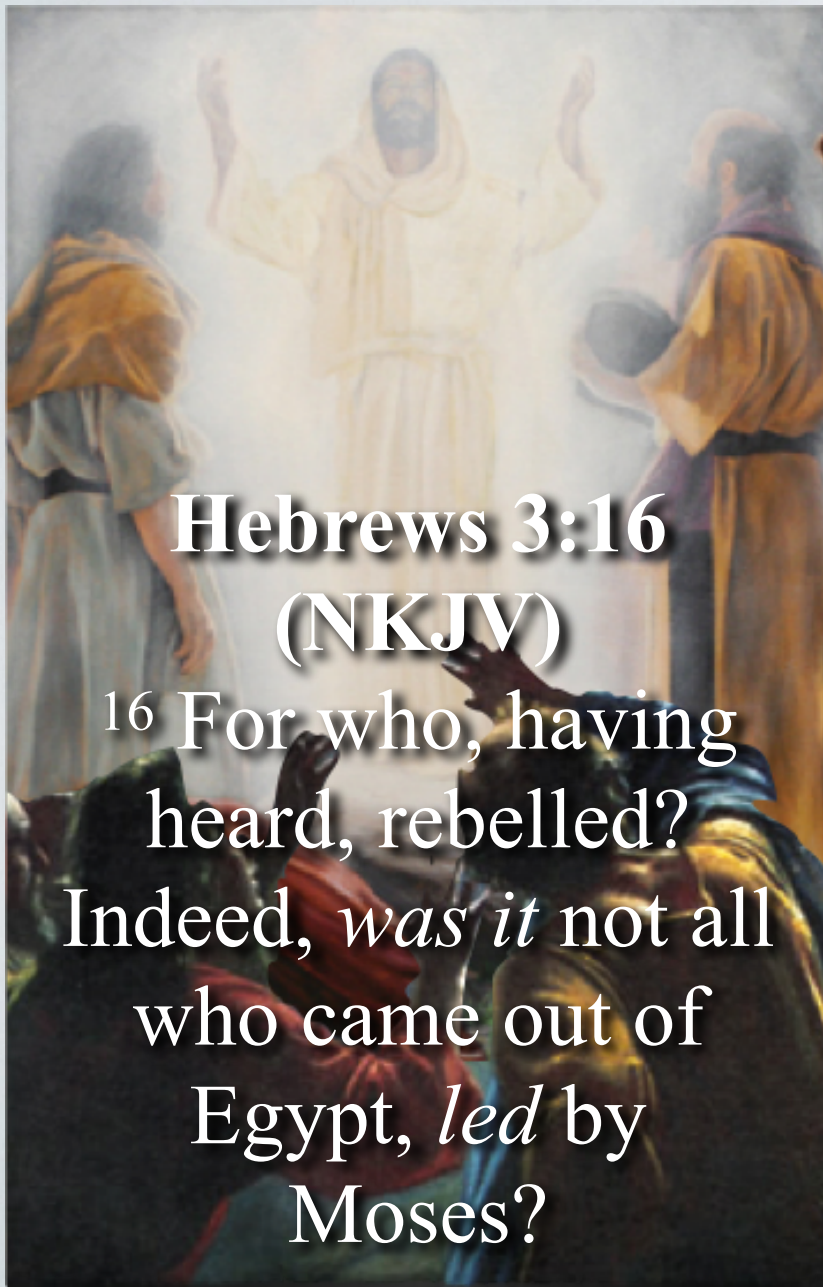
► For who, having heard, rebelled? (16)

- Only two of that generation entered the promise land. The rest died in the wilderness (Num. 14:29,30; 26:64,65)
- The promise of Canaan had been given to them - Christians also have a promise of rest - (4:1)
- Israel did not receive the promise of rest - Christians can also fail to receive their promised rest - i.e., can be lost (4:1; 10:26-31; Acts 8:13,20-23)

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- Israel did not enter their rest because of “unbelief” / If we become unbelievers, we will not enter our rest either (3:18,19; 4:11; 1 Cor 10:1-13)
- The Israelites did not become atheists — they were disobedient (3:18,19) (disobedience = unbelief / obedience = belief)
- All disobedience reflects unbelief (James 2:14-26; Luke 6:46)

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“Ye Are Partakers”

3:1 - Of the heavenly calling

3:14 - Of Christ

Beware, brethren,

lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief - 3:12

“A promise remains of entering His rest”

- 4:1

“If” (conditional)
“you hold fast to the end” - 3:6,14
“If you do not harden your heart” - 3:7,15

“departing from the living God; - 3:12

“Hardened through deceitfulness of sin” - 3:13

“couldn’t enter in due to unbelief.” - 3:19

14:1 - Let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.
4:11 - Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

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A Rest Remains



Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, since a
promise remains of
entering His rest, let us
fear lest any of you seem
to have come short of it.

Heb. 4:6,9

⁶ Since therefore it remains
that some *must* enter it, . . .
⁹ There remains therefore a
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Titus 1:2 (NKJV)
² in hope of eternal
life which God, who
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1 Peter 1:3–4

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John 6:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Do not labor for the
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to everlasting life, which
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**Hebrews 4:12
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¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Corinthians 6:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: “*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*”

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

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Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Hear - Rom. 10:17

Believe - Rom. 10:9,10

Confess - Rom. 10:9,10

Repent - Acts 17:30

Be Baptized - Acts 2:38

Endure - Col. 1:23

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