

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Holy brethren = set apart people

Partakers... = partners

Heavenly calling = invitation

• Christian ideas, not Jewish - fellow Christians

Consider = understand according to

Apostle = one who is sent

High Priest - 2:17

Confession (homologia) = same word / agree

• Understand this in light of Jesus our agreement regarding who Jesus is

2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

*3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses,
inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.*

4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,

6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Servant/Son

Moses' house(hold) = tabernacle / Jesus house(hold) = church

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.'"

Psalm 95

We're always in danger of hardening our hearts to Jesus

Egypt - Desert - Promised Land

World - Flesh - Spirit

When you let your heart become hard toward Jesus, you

1) go astray in your heart (cf. treasure)

2) don't know (experience) God's ways and

3) don't enter His rest

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

A warning: Don't slip into a heart of unbelief (evil)

Depart from the living God

An Admonition: Exhort one another: A hard heart is the result of deception

“It doesn’t matter. It won’t do me any harm to ignore Jesus”

“He understands that I have important things to tend to”

That’s a lie. There is nothing more important than nurturing your faith

Nurture: care for and encourage & cherish

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

if ≠ condition : = cause & effect (we get wet IF we go in the water)

Partaker (:3) = result of holding (possess / keep from escaping) ‘till the end, the confidence we had at the beginning.

God loves you just the way you are

He can’t love you more & He won’t love you less

He accepts you just the way you are, w/all your hurts, habits & hang ups

Your part of the deal is to remain faithful to never let that belief/trust/confidence escape

15 while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

That’s the alternative: if you don’t feed your faith your heart will harden and lead you to rebellion

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

• The Israelites who rebelled against God were the same Israelites who saw the Red Sea parted, and were excited to move toward the the land God had promised them.

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

• The people who sinned against God and died never seeing the promised land were the same people who ate the manna & quail, drank the water from the rock, followed the cloud by day & fire by night, trembled at the voice of God, built the tabernacle and worshipped there.

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

• If you find yourself buying into the lies that lead to a hard heart toward God, you’re letting the enemy rip you off.

What is it that’s so important that you choose it over Jesus? IF your answer is anything other than “nothing” then you’ve believed a lie and let your heart harden toward God.

• You don’t have to stop & wander in the flesh. You can go from life in the world to life in the Spirit by trusting God and doing what that trust leads you to do.

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