

The Danger of Rebellion

HEBREWS 3:7-19

INTRO: This text deals with the failure of Israel to enter into the rest provided for them by God. The O.T. Israelites believed that God could deliver them from Egypt, but they did not believe that God could bring them into Canaan. Therefore they lost the blessing of the Promised Land. They questioned the sufficiency of God, and were content with only half of the promise. Today we do not receive the full blessings of God because we have not fully believed His promises.

I. THE PERIL TO CONSIDER

A. The Disaster of Rebellion against God in the wilderness (O.T. Times, 3:7-19)

1. The Appeal to the Scripture (3:7-11)

- a. A Pertinent digression (3:7)
- b. A Pointed digression (3:8-11)
 - i. How Israel provoked God (3:8-9)
 - ii. How God Punished Israel (3:10-11)
 - a. They did not seek reality (3:10)
 - b. They could not see rest (3:11)

2. The Application of the Scripture (3:12-15)

- a. The Exhortation (3:12-15)
 - i. Heed (3:12)
 - ii. Help (3:13)
 - iii. Hold (3: 14)
 - iv. Hurry (3:15)
- b. The Example (3:16-19)
 - i. The Number of the Sinners (3:16)
 - ii. The Nature of the Sentence (3:17)
 - iii. The Naming of the Sin (3:18-19)
 - a. Disobedience (3:18)
 - b. Disbelief (3:19)