


Deaf Senior Adults Bible Class at Chestnut Assist Living

March 20, 2019—Wednesday morning—10:00am—LESSON 19

TODAY, you hear His Voice

Hebrew 3:7-11

HEBREWS 3:7: “Wherefore, as the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today if you hear His voice’,”

1. The word ‘*wherefore*’ translated in some versions: ‘so’, ‘therefore’, ‘so it is just as’, or ‘so listen to’. It is an important word and means ‘it is a swing door that sings back in the _____ and swings out into the _____.’ You need to look at the both ways. 
2. This example was familiar to the Hebrew Christians, for the writer was quoting from Psalms 95:7-11. You will notice he does not say, “DAVID said, “ nor “the Psalmist said”, but “as the _____ says.”
3. Which one: **The Holy Spirit said** or **the Holy Spirit says**
 - It is an ever-present, living message to God’s people in each succeeding generation.
4. “**TODAY**” applied to the Hebrews in the wilderness in their day. They had opportunity to _____, they should have _____ and _____ the voice of God; but they _____ against His Word, and the things that happened to them are _____ to those of _____ who may be hearers but not doers of the Word.
5. The reference to ‘**TODAY**’ also had to do with God’s people in David’s time. The Holy Spirit sought men and God spoke in those days—but they, too, _____ to hear His voice and obey His commands.
6. **TODAY, RIGHT NOW**, God is speaking to you through His precious _____, even though this letter to the Hebrew Christians.
7. TODAY is the period of the **OLD** or **NEW** Covenant set before all men, whether Jew or Gentile, hearing or deaf, and the voice of God which we hear is the _____ revelation given to us—through **Moses, angels, prophets** or **God’s only begotten Son-Jesus**.

HEBREWS 3:8: “Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:” Other translations: “don’t be stubborn as you were in the past” (ERV).

8. The heart of every problem is a problem is in the _____.
 - The people of Israel erred in their hearts (Hebrews 3:10), which means that their hearts _____ from God and His Word.
 - They also had evil hearts of _____. (Hebrews 3:12), they did not believe that God would give them victory in Canaan. They had seen God perform great signs in Egypt. Yet they _____ God was adequate for the challenge of Canaan.
9. See the word ‘*provocation*’ means ‘to make bitter’.
10. See the word ‘*temptation*’ means ‘to prove, to try, for a testing’.

11. **FOR EXAMPLES:** Who but GOD could roll back a mighty Red Sea and allow the Israelites to cross on dry ground? There was no food in the wilderness, but GOD sent manna and quail for them to eat. There was no water, but GOD brought forth water from the rock. They had heavenly food, they did not hunger or thirst. Their shoes did not wear out, their clothes did not become threadbare (worn out or shabby). And yet they _____. Both words ‘provocation and temptation’ found in book of **Exodus 17:7 MSG:** “Moses did what he said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place ‘**MASSAH**’ (means ‘testing place’ or temptation) and ‘**MERIBAH**’ (means ‘quarreling’ or ‘strife’ or ‘to make bitter’ or provocation) because of the quarreling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, “**IS GOD HERE WITH US, OR NOT?**”

HEBREWS 3:9 The Passion Translation: “There your fathers tested Me and tried My patience even though they saw My miracles for 40 years *they still doubted Me!*”

12. The writer of this Hebrew letter is speaking to those who are already saved but have not entered into the _____ of the Christian life. They _____ God, and as a result they are having *a wilderness experience*.

HEBREWS 3:10: “Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known My ways.”

13. The word ‘*grieved*’ means ‘displeased, angry, disgusted, offended’. One nice translation: “For 40 years they traveled on to the land that I had promised them, that generation **BROKE MY HEART. GRIEVING** and **ANGRY**, I said, ‘their hearts are unfaithful; they don’t know what I want from them.’” (The Voice Bible)

14. When a person had an _____ heart and a _____ heart, the **RESULT** will also be a _____ heart.

- This is a heart that is **SENSITIVE** or **INSENSITIVE** to God’s **WORD** and **WORK** of God.

HEBREWS 3:11: “So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter into My rest”.

15. Here we see, first, God’s _____ concerning Israel’s rebellion toward Him, and then we see His _____.

16. God is righteous Judge, and because He IS righteous. He judges in righteousness, He speaks in righteousness. He cannot do wrong because He is _____.

17. Unfortunately, we have a great many wilderness Christians in our churches. The wilderness is a place of _____; it is a place of _____; it is a place of _____; and it is a place of _____. To those Israelites out there in the wilderness God said, “You are not going to know what ‘rest’ is”. And there are many believers today who just don’t know what ‘rest’ really means. They have never entered into it because they must enter by _____.

- The first is the **REST** of _____.
- The second is the **REST** of _____, the **REST** of _____, **REST** of _____ the Christian life.