

Sunday's sermon suggested we, along with the original hearers of Hebrews, are in the 'now but not yet' times. Rescued, but not in the promised land. Like Israel, we are in the wilderness experiencing a time of testing.

Do you agree? How does knowing this affect your faith?

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What are the perils of persisting in unbelief for Israel, for ourselves?

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Read Hebrews 3:13-14 & 10:23-25.

What two actions are we urged to take?

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Discuss from the passage the place of Christian fellowship (church) in the life of a believer.

A motif word of our passage is "Today" (7, 13, 15)

What meaning does "Today" convey to you?

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Discuss if the Holy Spirit is using Hebrews to prompt you, individually or as a group, to connect with someone who is possibly out of fellowship and is in need of encouragement.

Close in prayer



Fix Your Eyes

The Book of Hebrews Growth Group Study Guide

Week 3

12 June 2022

"Learn From the Past"

Hebrews 3: 7-19

Series Overview:

"Fix Your Eyes" is a study of the book of Hebrews. We don't know for sure who the author of the book is. What we do know is that this letter was written to a group of Christ-followers who were experiencing tremendous suffering and hardship. Its message is clear. In the midst of your pain, fix your eyes on Jesus who is the exact imprint of God's nature and the ultimate reflection of God's glory. This is our hope.

Read Hebrews 3:7-19

I have found it helpful to look for patterns in the passage as my starting point. These patterns are referred to as 'chiasms', as a Google search for 'Hebrews 3 chiasm' would demonstrate. Seeing the pattern helps me to identify the authors intent.

Note the shared word and phrases (exact or approximate) in these paired verses.

v.7 & 15.....

v.9 & 16.....

v.10 & 17.....

v.11 & 18.....

v.12 & 19.....

Verse 13-14 breaks the pattern. It is like the meat in the sandwich. We'll savour it later.

Another fun thing to do is to look at the grammar – Repeated words, quotation marks, question marks and the like.

What do you note in v.7 to 12?

What do you note in v.15 to 19?

Is there anything else common to the whole passage?

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The form of our passage is not unlike a sermon.

We have the Bible reading (7-11),

An exhortation derived from the passage (12),

An application for the congregation (13-14),

A summary and exhortation repeated (15-19).

What does it mean to have an unbelieving heart?

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Read Hebrews 10:32-34, it notes their struggles.

What struggles are we facing in our time and place?

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