

THE PERIL OF DISBELIEF
Heb. 3:7-19, 4:12

I. A Historical Example. 7-11

- a. Of hardening the heart by disregarding the voice of God, neglecting duty, resisting the holy spirit. Verse 7,8.
- b. Of failing to make proper use of our opportunities. Manna, water from rock, raiment waxed not old, 10 plagues, and pillow which followed. Verse 9.
- c. Of their faithlessness. They erred (Verse 10) grieved God, and were ignorant of His ways.
- d. Of their doom. Verse 11. Rest to the few was common--to us Heaven.

II. An Appeal. Verse 12,13.

- a. To avoid unbelief. Verse 12.
- b. To encourage one another. Verse 13.
- c. To be steadfast. Verse 14.
- d. Not to harden our hearts. Verse 15.

III. The States Of Israel's Sin. Verse 16-19.

- a. Who heard and provoked. Verse 16. Those who were delivered from Egypt.
- b. With whom was God provoked. Verse 17. With those who sinned and suffered the consequences.
- c. To whom did He swear they should not enter into His rest. Those who disobeyed. Three steps of sinful attitude:
 - (1) Provocation. Verse 16.
 - (2) Sinning. Verse 17.
 - (3) Obstinacy. Verse 18.
- d. It is all explained on the basis of unbelief. When we fail to believe God's word, we soon doubt His power and love.

IV. The Application. Verse 4:1-12

- a. We are in danger of following their example. Faith here is willingness to believe God's ability to do what He says. "With God all things are possible." "All things are possible to him that believeth."