

MESSAGE NOTES

February 28, 2010

Connect With a Community That Constantly Considers Jesus

Hebrews 3:1-19

#3 Renewing Hope and Confidence

Who is to consider Jesus?

Hebrews 3:1

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

Why we should consider Jesus?

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; ²He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. ³For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; ⁶but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house--whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

How to consider Jesus

Hebrews 3:7-19

⁷Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, ⁸DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, ⁹WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS. ¹⁰"THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS'; ¹¹AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

¹²Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, ¹⁵while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME." ¹⁶For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.



Taking Hebrews To Heart Challenge

Throughout the series memorize, pray over and apply these passages:
Hebrews 3:13, 4:12, 7:25, 11:6, 12:1-2 and 10:19-25.

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MONDAY

Read Hebrews 3:1. Describe the people being addressed in this verse. Now read John 6:37-40, 44, 10:27-30 and Romans 8:1, and Hebrews 10:14. Based on all of these passages, what do you think it means to have eternal security?

TUESDAY

Read Numbers 14:22-23, Hebrews 3:7-11, 3:16-19, 4:3, and 4:10-11. Do these passages describe our eternal rest, or a rest that is available to us now? What do you think is involved in the rest that is available to us now?

WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 11:28, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Hebrews 3:19. Is this rest something we deserve or earn? What does it take for us to enter this rest? Have you entered this rest?

THURSDAY

Review the "Taking Hebrews To Heart Challenge" on the previous page. Memorize Hebrews 3:13 and apply this truth to your life and relationships around you this week.

FRIDAY

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18, Hebrews 3:1, and Hebrews 4:11-12. What, according to these verses, is the key to remaining in rest? How are we supposed to go about doing this? What does it look like to remain in this rest throughout the busyness and trials of daily life?

WEEKEND

Read Hebrews 3:12-15, and Hebrews 10:19-25. According to these verses, is considering Jesus something we are only meant to do on our own? How are we to go about considering Jesus in community? How do you need to adjust your life to begin or to continue to do this?

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