

Jesus: God's Final Word

Take Care of Your Heart

Hebrews 3:7-19

Though he became a man like us "in every respect" (2:17), Jesus is nonetheless greater than the prophets (1:1), superior to the angels (1:4), and is "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" because he is God's own Son!

God put "everything in subjection to him" (2:5-8), tasked him to suffer for our sins (2:9-10), and made him the great High Priest who is our Word from God (1:2, 2:3), and our Way to God (2:2:17-18).

_____ who is greater even than God's servant MOSES; for Jesus not only _____ the "house of God", he _____ and _____ it, and we _____ in it thru _____.

Therefore, **don't let a _____ lead you to _____ against Him!**

A Cautionary Tale ... Wandering Israel

The peoples' sin: _____. (See: Psalm 95:7-11, Exodus 17:1-7, Numbers 14)

Rephidim ... "Massah" = _____, and "Meribah" = _____; later Kadesh ...

The cause: They "always go _____ in their _____".

God's response: They will _____ enter My rest. (See: Numbers 14:28-30)

What is "God's rest"?

The Command:

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

Hardness of heart that leads to _____ against God or _____ from God has its roots in _____.

But, unbelief doesn't happen in a _____. First our _____ turn from God, then those desires lead us to _____. Sin, which _____, is the primary cause of _____.

Therefore, my unbelief is not _____ – it doesn't merely happen to me, outside of my control. It is _____ – I do it to myself.

And, I'm far more likely to "go astray in my heart" and "fall away from the living God" when I have abandoned meaningful _____ and _____ with other Christians.

So, Take Care of Your Heart ... How?

By _____ Christ ...

By "holding fast" in _____ to Christ ...

And ...

By _____ each other about the goodness of Christ

By _____ each other to be faithful to Christ

By _____ each other when we begin to stray from Christ

My response:

Remember: The mark of _____ faith that saves is _____.

I'm choosing to *stray* by ...

I'm choosing to *stay* by ...