

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 3:1 (NIV) Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, **fix your thoughts on Jesus**, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house.

³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.

⁵ And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*,

⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Contrast --- Moses faithful in all his house as a servant (vs.5) / Christ as a Son over His own house(vs. 6)

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "*Today, if you will hear His voice,*

Psalm 95:7-11

⁸ *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

⁹ *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.*

¹⁰ *Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'*

¹¹ *So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "*

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today,*" lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Deceitfulness = "that which gives a false impression, whether by appearance, statement or influence" **Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words** (page 151)

Consider: Matthew 13:22, Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 2:8, Hebrews 11:25, James 1:14

¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

¹⁵ while it is said: "*Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.*"

¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses?

¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

Numbers 13-14

¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Questions Chapter 3

1. Describe the **circumstances of the Old Testament example** that is given as a warning?

2. How is Christ's superiority shown over Moses in this chapter?

3. Which verses would you use in this chapter that connects disobedience with unbelief?

4. List the two verses that contain the phrase "if we hold" and comment on each.

5. Describe the warning is given to the brethren and what was the remedy to this problem?