



Hebrews 3 : *Don't harden your hearts*

This week at MRC we continued our series in Hebrews, focussing in on chapter 3.

This chapter (as with many in Hebrews) follows a similar structure of the writer both seeking to WOO the recipients by urging them to remember to fix their minds on Jesus, but also WARN them of not drifting as their ancestors had done.

What do you remember so far from Hebrews?

1. The faithfulness and superiority of the Son (v1-6)
 - a. List all the things that the writer reminds the readers of in these verses.
 - b. Why does Moses matter so much? What's his argument?
2. The unfaithfulness and sin of the people (v7-19)
 - a. How does the writer seek to warn them?
 - b. What is the danger?

We then explored 3 applications...

1. We need to be aware of our hearts.
 - a. What part do our hearts play in this idea? Can our hearts be trusted? Why or why not? See Jeremiah 17v9 for eg
 - b. What does this mean in terms of application?
 2. We need to listen daily.
 - a. How can we be those who listen daily to God, and believe / obey him?
 - b. When are we tempted to NOT obey or trust God? How do we cope when God's words contradict or don't match with what we want?
 3. We need to help each other.
 - a. Where do you see that in the passage?
 - b. How good are you at doing that? How can we practically grow? What might that look like?
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Key concepts to explore would be

- v1 Our heavenly calling - which we forget and so needing to fix our hearts on.
- How brilliant Jesus is as (1) apostle, (2) High-Priest and (3) even better than Moses.
- The daily and ongoing nature of hearing God's voice and trusting.

Illustrations / ideas.

- Moses was great, but Jesus is ever greater.
- People who start a race but don't keep running to the end.
- Idea of needing each other to help us and encourage each other to trust God.

In chapter 1 we saw how Jesus is superior to angels. The author still hasn't finished considering angels in chapter 2. They are referred to a further three times in vs 2, 5 & 16

Perhaps, with reference to Deut 33:1-2, how does considering angels support the warning we find here in these verses?

What reasons are we given to pay close attention to Jesus?

Why do we need to pay attention to Jesus?

If we think that the God of the Old Testament is different to the God of the New, how does this passage correct that misconception?

What steps might we need to take if we want to take this warning seriously?