

Lesson 3: Study Questions – Hebrews 3:1-19

Heb. 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; ² He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. ³ For 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. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; ⁶ but 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.

Heb. 3:7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,
⁹ WHERE 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’;

¹¹ AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
‘THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.’”

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But 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. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

¹⁵ while it is said,
“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”

¹⁶ For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

1. Who is the author addressing? How are they described? (3:1) (D) Would this include unbelievers? Why or why not?
2. Who does the author tell the holy brethren to consider? By what two offices is He described? (3:1) (D) Using a Bible dictionary, define these two terms.
3. To Whom was Jesus faithful? To whom is Jesus compared? (3:2) (C) What do the following verses tell you about Moses?
 - Exod 2:1-10
 - Exod 3:1-15
 - Exod 4:10-11
 - Exod 7:1
 - Exod 14:21
 - Exod 19:16-18; 20:1-17
 - Exod 26:1
 - Num 12:3
 - Deut 18:15, 18 (Messianic Prediction)
4. Who has Jesus been counted as worthy of more glory? Why? (3:3-4)
5. What is the difference between the faithfulness of Moses and of Christ? (3:5-6)
6. What is the condition for our identity as the house of Christ? (3:6)
7. Who is speaking in Psalm 95:7-11, quoted in Hebrews 3:7-11? (3:7)
8. What is the reader warned NOT to do if God's voice is heard? (3:7-8)
9. Explain the context of the Old Testament incident referenced in Psalm 95, used by the author of Hebrews as an example of those who provoked God? (Exod 17:1-7) (Heb 3:8-9)
10. Why was God angry with this generation? (3:10)
11. What did God swear in His wrath regarding this generation? (3:11)
12. (A) What does it mean to *enter God's rest*? Have you entered God's rest?
13. How does the author warn the brethren? (3:12) (A) How is the Spirit speaking to you personally through this warning?
14. Why does the author exhort the brethren to encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still called* "Today"? (A) Who do you need to encourage today?
15. What is the condition to becoming partakers of Christ? (3:14-15)

16. Who provoked God when they had heard? (3:16-18)

17. Why were the Israelites who came out of Egypt not able to enter God's rest? (3:19) (A) For what reason are people today not able to enter God's rest?

18. What do you learn about God? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Heb 3:1-19.