

“A CALL TO ENDURING FAITHFULNESS” (Hebrews 2)

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INTRO: Let’s continue working our way through Hebrews and prepare to assimilate the spiritual meat it offers us.

A CALL TO ENDURING FAITHFULNESS (Heb. 3:1-19) – so we don’t neglect our salvation & drift away.

A. Jesus Christ our High Priest Was Faithful (vv. 1-6).

1. Consider the faithfulness of Jesus *“the Apostle and High Priest of our confession”* [our faith] (vv. 1-2; Jn. 20:21).
2. Jesus is greater than Moses, the law giver (vv. 3-6).
 - a. Both were faithful in God’s house.
 - b. Moses was a servant in God’s house, but Jesus was builder and Master of God’s [His] house (Jn. 5:46).
3. If we persevere in faith & hope to the end, we corporately (not individually) are that house – God’s house (1Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:19-22; 1Pet. 2:5)!

B. Be Faithful to the Voice of God (vv. 7-19).

1. Listen to the voice of God (vv. 7-11; Ps. 95:7-11).
 - a. Don’t harden your heart as the Israelites did.
 - b. There are serious consequences for unbelief.
2. Beware of unbelief, which is evil and causes us to depart from God (v. 12).
3. Exhort one another daily [give & receive] (v. 13)!
 - a. This requires connection & interdependence.
 - b. Don’t be so focused on yourself that you fail to exhort others (Phil. 2:3-4).
 - c. Sin is deceitful – promises more than delivers and focuses on denial and blame.
4. Persevere in faithfulness (vv. 14-15).
 - a. Persevere in abiding in Christ (John 15:4-5).
5. Learn from Israel’s failures (vv. 16-19; 1Cor. 10:11).
 - a. Don’t fail to enter your Promised Land/Rest because of unbelief and disobedience.

CONCLUSION: Are you hearing His voice today? If so, how are you going to respond? Persevere in faithfulness! Are you yielding to the *“fitting”* process? Exhort one another daily!