Brethren Beware

Robert Harkrider · Hebrews 3:12–14 · Series: **Hebrews**

INTRODUCTION

- Even people who've been baptized into his death can lose their souls in eternal hell. Indeed, this is not a popular thought.
- Is it possible that a person who has once obeyed the gospel can so depart from Christ as to be lost in eternal hell?
- Over and over it's written to Christians, warning, lest we turn away, lest we drift away, what will occur.

1 Christ Is Superior to Moses: Whose House We Are If

Hebrews 3:1–6; Ephesians 1:22–23

- Not only is Jesus Christ superior to angels, he's superior to Moses.
- Moses was but a servant in the house. But Jesus Christ not only built the house, he is the Lord over the house.
- Whose house are we if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end?
- If, that's a small word, two letters. We'll look at its importance.

2 Do Not Harden Your Hearts as in the Rebellion

Psalm 95:7–11; James 1:22

- He's talking to Christians, isn't he? Don't harden your heart.
- As we hear God's word, we obey it. Be doers of the word, not hearers only.
- They'd heard God's word through Moses, but it was to be said, they have not known my ways. They didn't really submit themselves to God.
- God took the promise away from the sinful and unbelieving generation.

3 Beware, Brethren, Lest Any Depart

Hebrews 3:12–13

- Beware brethren. Again, who's he talking to? Brethren.
- You have to be in it to depart. And so therefore the writer is speaking about brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, and is warning lest we depart.
- They may say they don't believe in the doctrine once saved, always saved, but they practice it.
- What's happened by deceit? They've been lied to. They believe something that's not true.

4 An Evil Heart of Unbelief: Those Who Did Not Obey

Hebrews 3:18–19; John 12:42–43; James 2:14–24

- What does it mean to be an unbeliever? Does that mean to be an atheist? No.
- You put those two verses together and you have a definition of unbelief. It's people who do not obey.

- Believing is not mental agreement, it's not enough.
- Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- There must be the obedience, or else it is unbelief.

5 Exhort One Another Daily

Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:25

- Exhort one another daily. While it is called a day. Exhort to warn.
- Don't just fold your arms and let it go by. Do what you can to stir their hearts.
- Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another.

6 Can a Believer Become an Unbeliever?

John 5:24; Romans 8:35–39

- The kind of beliefs that is made perfect through obedience. It doesn't say faith only.
- The argument is not can a one who's been saved also be lost. The argument really ought to be can a believer become an unbeliever.
- As long as we believe and serve the Lord faithfully, we ought to walk where the heads held high, with a sense of assurance that we are in a saved condition.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Where are you? If the Lord should come this hour, would you say, Come, Lord Jesus?**

MY NOTES