

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Ten  
Study Questions

- 1). Heb 3:7 ¶ *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says*
- a). What does the first word of v7 tell us?
  - b). What comes immediately before this verse?
  - c). What might we now know concerning the Lord's experience of temptation?
  - d). What must we also take into consideration when seeing the word 'therefore' in v7 and why?
  - e). What is the inescapable conclusion we come to concerning Christ's ministry as Apostle and High Priest?
  - f). According to v7 who is the One speaking?
  - g). When He speaks where does He quote from?
  - h). What do we know from the scriptures concerning the Psalms of David?
  - i). Can you think of any other scripture that would help validate this?
- 2). Heb 3:7 ¶ *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, & Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, - so what does the Holy Spirit say?*

b). Whom does He present as the example?

3). Read Psalm 95 – What do you see in the first six and a half verses?

a). What would you say is the context in which our quotation is found?

b). Do you have any other thoughts about this Psalm?

4). *"Today, if you will hear His voice, & Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

a). What does the word 'today' tell us?

b). What is the condition stated in this verse for being able to hear the Lord's voice?

c). What would the Lord be saying that we would need to hear?

d). What does the original language teach us about the phrase, 'Do not harden your hearts'?

e). Why should we not be surprised by this?

f). What might we conclude from all of this concerning ourselves?

g). How would we know if our hearts were hardening?

h). Where in the scriptures do we find the record of 'the day of trial in the wilderness'?

5). Read Exodus 17:1-8 – What do we know about the location for this event and what is the spiritual significance for us?

a). How would you describe the attitude and actions of the Children of Israel?

b). What should have been their reaction and why?

c). What did Moses do and does this seem similar to something we have looked at in past weeks?

d). What is the solution to the water problem and what is it pointing to?

e). What important detail must we note about the striking of the rock and what does this say with respect to ourselves?

f). What 4 things will inevitably happen if we take our ease from the race of faith and what will be the result?

g). What scripture do we have to encourage us?

6). Heb 3:9 *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.*

a). What three things are Israel's experience in this verse?

b). What does the word translated 'tested' mean and where have we seen it before?

c). How is this being put to the test verbalized in Exodus 17 and what is at the heart of what they are saying?

- d). What does the word translated ‘tried’ mean?
  - e). What does this tell you about Israel’s attitude towards God?
  - f). What is the warning here for us and what should we do to avoid falling into the same trap?
  - g). Where have we seen this exact same thing before and what do you think we should learn from it?
- 7). Read Hebrews 3:10-11 – In v10 what is God’s response to Israel and what do we learn from the word that’s used there?
- a). According to v10 what is the root cause of Israel’s testing and trying God that caused Him to loathe them?
  - b). What would it mean to ‘go astray in their hearts’?
  - c). What should we learn from this?
  - d). What would it mean that they have ‘not known My ways’?
  - e). What should we learn from this?
  - f). Who has the responsibility for knowing His ways and what would be the consequence of not doing so?
  - g). Do you have any final thoughts?