

The Promise: Warning #2 (an illustration)

Hebrews 3:15-19

INTRODUCTION:

I.

**Do not harden your heart, because
hardening is unbelief, which is evil in the
sight of God (vv.7-19)**

- A. Psalm 95:7-11
- B. Holy Urgency
- C. Nature of Hardening is Rebellion
- D. The Battle against Unbelief is the work of the Church (**vv.13-14**)
- E. The Illustration (**vv.15-19**)

II.

**An Illustration of Unbelief for the
Warning of God's people**

- A. To obey the text we must be careful
 - 1. Pay attention to history
 - 2. **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**
- B. **Psalm 106:** A Snapshot of the Illustration

1.

Psalm 106 and 95 are in the same Book IV of the Psalms (90-106)

2.

Awareness of Sin (vv.1-6)

a)

The worship of God brings an awareness of sin

b)

Satisfaction in God is the joy of His people

3.

Sins in the Wilderness (vv.7-12)

a)

Forgetting the saving work of God (v.7)

b)

Forgetting the sovereign love of God (vv.8-11)

c)

Believe and sing (congregational battle)

4.

Sins on the way to Rest (vv.13-33)

a)

Forgetting the provision of God (vv.13-14)

b)

Consequences for being satisfied in the world, rather than God (vv.15-18)

c)

Idolatry began innocent enough (vv.19-27)

d)

Mixing with the nations--loss of distinctiveness...holiness (vv. 28-29)

e)

The rebellion at Meribah (vv. 32-33)

		<u>CONCLUSION:</u>
5.	Sins entering that Rest (vv.34-43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you being careful right now? Is the most grievous loss in your life intimacy with God in Christ Jesus? Have you forgotten the salvation of the Lord? Have you forgotten the works of God in your life? Are you grumbling and complaining about your circumstances, not trusting God to provide? Are you mingling with the world and her loves and practices? Are you idolizing something or someone (treasuring this more than Christ, often seen in its potential loss)?
a)	Disobeying the Word of God (v.34)	
b)	Worship of false gods (vv. 25-39)	
c)	Disregarded the many deliverances of God (vv.40-43)	
6.	Sovereign Grace of God (vv.44-46)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, you are in danger. The Hebrews' warning is that the persistent unbelief of people who may claim Christ, yet rebel in unbelieving ways, bears evidence of lostness.
a)	Compassion for the distress of His own	
b)	God's faithfulness to His character is for the good of the people	
c)	Caused the captors to pity them	
7.	Confession of Unbelief (vv.47-48)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now, maybe you're in a period of unbelief, are convicted of it, but have not forsaken these other loves. Remember, Moses was still brought to heaven (Heb.11) by righteousness through faith, but he experienced severe discipline and loss. Persevere! Hold fast your confession! • Perhaps these patterns of unbelief in the Exodus generation are exposing to you that you are not truly born again. Perhaps you are realizing this is the cadence of your life, rather than the exception. Perhaps you know that if you do not run to Christ, even today, that you are in danger of Christ's judgment and facing eternity in hell. Come to Jesus. Believe in and on Him as your only hope for salvation. Turn from believing the world and its deceitful promises, and bank on Christ for your all.
III.	<u>Heeding the Warning (4:1-13)</u>	