

Hard Hearted

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 3:8-4:7
2. In the medical field years ago there was talk of a hard heart, also hardening of the arteries
3. Our text talks about the hardening of the heart by what we do.
4. We can become just like these people who and harden our hearts.
5. There are encouragements and enlightenments in this passage to keep one from going into the hardening of the heart.
6. Let us study these encouragements and enlightenments so that we too would not have a harden heart.

II Discussion

1. Harden not **your** hearts Hebrews 3:8
 - a. Harden means to make dry or hard. If you leave biscuits out they will be come hard, now how do we get them to be soft again?
 - b. They had seen the miracles of the 10 plagues and the cross over the Red Sea and yet could not rely upon God to take care of them
 - c. They had seen the power of God and yet wanted at god that they could see Exodus 32ff
 - d. Matthew 6:30-33 if we do not rely upon the providence of God to take care of us we may become hard hearted, have unbelief or have little faith.
 - e. Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 28:20; 6:45; 2 Peter 1:4
2. Harden through the **deceitfulness** of sin Hebrews 3:13
 - a. One another 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 10:24-25
 - b. Exhort means to call near, invite, invoke. Acts 2:40; 1 Thessalonians 5:14
 - c. We are to exhort one another this is Christian friends, parents, Sunday school teacher, aged, younger, all church members.
 - d. Why do some fail because of timidity ashamed of Christ it is impolite, or we do not want to hurt families feelings, all excuses that will not be accepted.
 - e. Sin will deceive you Ephesians 4:22; Hebrews 11:24-25
3. Harden heart by not listening to the voice of God Hebrews 3:15
 - a. Are we listening to the voice of God Matthew 17:5
 - b. It is important that we do John 12:48; 6:63, 68
 - c. Are we neglecting so great salvation? Hebrews 2:3
4. Harden heart by not heeding the voice of God Hebrews 4:7
 - a. This is a quote from Psalm 95:8 It was said about 500 years after they entered into the Promised Land
 - b. It was true then as it is now 2 Corinthians 6:2
 - c. We are to believe, love, and obey so that we too can enter into that rest John 14:1-3

III Conclusion

1. What is the condition of your heart? Hard or soft
2. If it is hard it can be broken and never put back together Hebrews 6:4-6
3. But we are dealing with God's Word which can soften the hardest heart, if you will but let it. Come now!

Sources: Strong's dictionary, Coffman, Barn's and Clarke's commentaries. Interlinear