

# Treasure Hunt

- Does 3:6b teach that we are saved by works? Explain.
- How does the quotation from Psalm 95, in its context, amplify 3:6b?
- (Nate:) What historical episode does Psa 95:7-11 describe?
- (Ben:) What two commands does the writer give us in 3:12, 13?
- How are these different, and why?
- What does the phrase “the living God” imply about all other religions in 3:12?
- (Nate:) Who had the original “hard heart” (v. 13)?
- How does sin harden our heart?
- Compare the three things to which we are to “hold fast” (3:6, 14; 10:23)
- (Ben:) What was the ultimate reason that Israel could not enter the land?

# Structure of 3:1-4:13

## Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of the Son  
1:1-4, Introduction

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels  
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels  
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect  
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

3:1-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests  
3:1-6 A **Faithful** High Priest  
3:7-4:13 **Warning**: Unbelief  
4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest

10:26-13:19, The Life of the Sons  
10:26-31, **Warning**: Willful Sin  
10:32-12:24, The Believer's Attitude  
12:25-29, **Warning**: Refusing God  
13:1-19, Exhortation: Life in Community

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

3:1-4:13, Exhortation to Faithfulness

3:1-6, Positive Exhortation  
**"Brethren, ... consider"**  
1-6a, The Son greater than Moses  
6b, **Warning** of our relation to him

3:7-11, **Warning** from the **Word** (Ps 95b)

3:12-4:11, **Exposition** of Ps 95b  
**"Take heed, brethren"**  
3:12-19, Diagnosis: Unbelief  
4:1-11, Promise: Rest

4:12-13, Power of the **Word** (Ps 95b)

3:6b whose house are we, **if we hold fast** ...

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will** of my Father which is in heaven.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **if ye continue** in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: 23 **if ye continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,

1Jo 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

3:11 my rest

Deu 12:9 For ye are not as yet come to the **rest** and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. 10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he **giveth you rest** from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11 Then there shall be a **place** which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there;

## Structure of Psalm 95

Psalm 95, The Test of True Worship

1-5, Worship in **Praise**

1-2, Call to Praise

3-5, Cause: Creation

6-7a, Worship in **Posture**

6, Call to Bow Down

7, Cause: Exodus

7b-11, Worship in **Obedience**

7-9, Call to Obey

10-11, Cause: Judgment

# Two Exhortations in 3:12,13

	3:12 Take heed, brethren	3:13 Exhort one another
Relation to 8, “ <b>harden</b> not your <b>hearts</b> ”	lest there be in any of you an evil <b>heart</b> of unbelief	lest any of you be <b>hardened</b> through the deceitfulness of sin
Responsibility	Individual	Toward others
Relation to 1 Corinthians 11:	11:28 let a man examine himself,	11:29 not discerning the Lord's body.

# References for 3:12-19

12 **unbelief** ἀπιστία G0570 in **departing** (ἀφίστημι, G868)

Luk 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while **believe** πιστεύω, and in time of temptation **fall away** ἀφίστημι.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart** ἀφίστημι from the **faith** πίστις, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

from the living God

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil,

1Th. 1:9 turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

13 (**heart**) **hardened** through the deceitfulness of sin

Pro 28:14 Happy is the man that **feareth** always: but he that **hardeneth his heart** shall fall into mischief.

Isa 63:17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and **hardened our heart** from thy **fear**?

# What must we Hold Fast κατέχω G2722?

3:6, the confidence (boldness, παρρησία G3954) and the rejoicing (boasting, καύχημα G2745) of the hope

1Pe 3:15 be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you

3:14 the **beginning** (ἀρχή G746) of the [not your] **confidence** (ὑπόστασις G5287)

Heb 1:3 [The Son] being the brightness of his glory, and the express **image** of his person

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which **at the first** (ἀρχή G746) began to be spoken by the Lord,

10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith [better, “hope”] without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

# Quotations in the Questions and Answers of 3:16-18

Heb 3:16-18	Heb 3:7-11 ← Psalm 95	Numbers 14
16 Who, when they <b>heard</b> , did <b>provoke</b> ? Was it not <b>all</b> that came out of <b>Egypt</b> by <b>Moses</b> ?	7 To day if ye will <b>hear</b> his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the <b>provocation</b>	2 And <b>all</b> the children of Israel murmured against <b>Moses</b> and against Aaron: and <b>the whole</b> congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of <b>Egypt</b> !
17 But with whom <b>was he grieved forty years</b> ? <i>was it</i> not with them that had <b>sinned</b> , <b>whose carcasses fell in the wilderness</b> ?	9 Wherefore <b>I was grieved</b> with that generation,	33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness <b>forty years</b> , and bear your whoredoms, until your <b>carcasses be wasted in the wilderness</b> . ... 40 for we have <b>sinned</b> .
18 And to whom <b>sware</b> he that <b>they should not enter into his rest</b> , but to them that <b>believed</b> not?	11 So I <b>sware</b> in my wrath, <b>They shall not enter into my rest</b> .	11 How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they <b>believe</b> me, ...

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ... 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.