

**“Beware of an Evil Unbelieving Heart”**

**Hebrews 3:6b-19**

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*Philippians 2:12–13* - <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**I. The Dire Need to Keep the Faith (Heb. 3:6b-11, 15-19)**

- A. Because the Exodus generation tested God and strayed from Him, they failed to enter God’s rest.
  - 1. “God’s Rest” wasn’t just the Promised Land.
  - 2. “God’s Rest” is ultimately His eternal presence.
- B. That generation endured temporal judgment and will endure eternal judgment because of their unbelief.

**II. Staying Aware of Potential Unbelief in Our Hearts (Heb. 3:12-13)**

- A. We must remember our own susceptibility to the deceitfulness of sin.
- B. Sin’s deceit can turn common doubts into excuses to abandon the Faith.
  - 1. Such was the case when it came to the selfish fear in the ancient Israelites and Hebrews’ original audience.
  - 2. Many today give into their doubts having been deceptively hardened by sins like immorality, greed, people-pleasing, etc.
- C. We need one another’s help in this.
  - 1. At times we need to warn others that their lingering doubts might be fueled by their own sin or sinful desires.
  - 2. At times we need to hear these same warnings.