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Jesus Our High Priest

3 Therefore, holy **brothers and sisters**, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: **Jesus**; ² **He** was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. **3** For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. **4** For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. **5** Now Moses was faithful in all **God's** house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken **later**; **6** but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold **firmly** to our confidence and the boast of our **hope**.

Two papyri and Codex Vaticanus omit this reading. NASB, 1995 and Majority Text include.

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS ⁹WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
 AS **ON** THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,
9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS **PUT ME TO THE TEST**,
 AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.
10 THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,
 AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART,
 AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';
11 AS I SWORE IN MY **ANGER**,
 'THEY **CERTAINLY** SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

The **Danger** of Unbelief

12 Take care, **brothers and sisters**, that there **will not be** in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart ¹³that falls away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another every day, as long as it is *still* called "**today**," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have become partakers of Christ if we **keep** the beginning of our **commitment** firm until the end, **15** while it is said,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
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16 For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? **17** And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? **19** And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Footnotes

- [Hebrews 3:2](#) Lit *being faithful*
- [Hebrews 3:5](#) Lit *His*
- [Hebrews 3:6](#) One early ms adds *firm until the end*
- [Hebrews 3:8](#) Lit *in the provocation*
- [Hebrews 3:12](#) Or *that leaves the*; lit *in falling away from*
- [Hebrews 3:14](#) Or *assurance*
- [Hebrews 3:15](#) Lit *in the rebellion*

ὑπόστασις (hypostasis) — The usage of this lemma is disputed. BDAG discusses Heb 3:4 under three out of four

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The **Peril** of Unbelief

12 Take care, **brethren**, that there **not be** in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart ¹³that falls away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "**Today**," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we **hold fast** the beginning of our **assurance** firm until the end, **15** while it is said,

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