

Hebrews 3:3–4:1

Introduction

I. Consider Jesus to be the apostle of our confession (1:1–4:16)

A. Let us hold on to the message that our apostle gave us (1:1–3:1)

B. Let us respond to Jesus' voice today and enter the rest (3:1–4:13)

1. Unlike the Israelites, let us respond to his voice and enter the rest (3:1–4:1)

a. We are Jesus' house, as the Israelites were Moses' house (3:1–6)

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- See document "Definitions" on servant, faithful, confidence, to glory, conviction, rest, appear (seem), fall short.
- See a chart on five classes of "Greek Conditional Sentences"

Read **3:1-6**

1. How are Jesus and Moses similar one to another? Different one from another?

Moses (prophet) _____ **Jesus** (messiah)

Faithful

Faithful

Worthy of glory

Worthy of greater glory

Servant

Son (heir)

Testified about future

We confess Jesus

2. Who were God's old-world household, and who are God's new-world household? (2:5)

3. What must we do, in order to become or to remain members of God's household (family)?

**b. If you hear his voice do not harden your heart
as the wilderness generation did (3:7–15)**

Read **3:7-11**

4. When did the 'rebellion' take place? (Exo. 17, Num. 20)
When was Psalm 95:7 uttered? So, how long is 'today'?
5. What is God's 'rest'?
 - a) The Garden of Eden?
 - b) The Land of Canaan / Israel?
 - c) Salvation by grace through faith without works?
 - d) The world to come? (2:5)
6. What did the Israelites have to do, in order to arrive in their promised new land? **Listen and believe.**

Read **3:12-15**

What is a real danger to our faith community?

Disbelieve and forsake the living God, hardened by sin.

9. What do we have to do, in order to arrive in the promised new world 'rest'?
Exhort one another to 'hold our confidence firm to the end.
10. What must back-sliders do, in order to arrive in the promised new world?
Return to faith in Christ, before hardened by sin (disbelief=disobedience).

**c. Moses' followers did not enter the rest because
they lacked faith (3:16–19)**

Read **3:16-19**

11. How are faith and obedience connected?

God demands faith. The obedient keeps on believing.

d. Let us be afraid lest one of you may miss the rest (4:1)

Read **4:1**

12. What is the promise for those who have ‘seem to have come short’? (Legalism, poor discipline, habitual sins, trying to earn God’s love, moral failure, criminal background...)
‘The promise of entering his rest remains open.’

II. Consider Jesus as the High Priest of our Confession (4:11–10:25)

III. We are partners in Jesus’ heavenly calling (10:19–13:16)