

# Jesus: God's Final Word

## Take Care of Your Heart

### Hebrews 3:7-19

Though he became a man like us "in every respect" (2:17), Jesus is nonetheless greater than the prophets (1:1), superior to the angels (1:4), and is "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" because he is God's own Son!

God put "everything in subjection to him" (2:5-8), tasked him to suffer for our sins (2:9-10), and made him the great High Priest who is our Word from God (1:2, 2:3), and our Way to God (2:2:17-18).

\_\_\_\_\_ who is greater even than God's servant MOSES; for Jesus not only \_\_\_\_\_ the "house of God", he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and we \_\_\_\_\_ in it thru \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, **don't let a \_\_\_\_\_ lead you to \_\_\_\_\_ against Him!**

### A Cautionary Tale ... Wandering Israel

The peoples' sin: \_\_\_\_\_. (See: Psalm 95:7-11, Exodus 17:1-7, Numbers 14)

*Rephidim ... "Massah" = \_\_\_\_\_, and "Meribah" = \_\_\_\_\_; later Kadesh ...*

The cause: They "always go \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_".

God's response: They will \_\_\_\_\_ enter My rest. (See: Numbers 14:28-30)

*What is "God's rest"?*

### The Command:

*Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*

Hardness of heart that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ against God or \_\_\_\_\_ from God has its roots in \_\_\_\_\_.

But, unbelief doesn't happen in a \_\_\_\_\_. First our \_\_\_\_\_ turn from God, then those desires lead us to \_\_\_\_\_. Sin, which \_\_\_\_\_, is the primary cause of \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, my unbelief is not \_\_\_\_\_ – it doesn't merely happen to me, outside of my control. It is \_\_\_\_\_ – I do it to myself.

And, I'm far more likely to "go astray in my heart" and "fall away from the living God" when I have abandoned meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with other Christians.

### So, Take Care of Your Heart ... How?

By \_\_\_\_\_ Christ ...

By "holding fast" in \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ ...

And ...

By \_\_\_\_\_ each other about the goodness of Christ

By \_\_\_\_\_ each other to be faithful to Christ

By \_\_\_\_\_ each other when we begin to stray from Christ

### My response:

Remember: The mark of \_\_\_\_\_ faith that saves is \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm choosing to *stray* by ...

I'm choosing to *stay* by ...