

“POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD”

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INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“For who, when they heard, did provoke? Na, did not all they that came out of Egypt by Moses? And with whom was he displeased forty years? Was it not with them that sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that were disobedient? And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.”* (Heb. 3:16-19).
- A. Chapter three begins with “Therefore”
1. Importance of what has already been said.
 2. All is an encouragement to faithfulness.
- B. THE SUPERIORITY OF:
1. Christ over former messengers - Angels and Prophets.
 2. The Message of Christ, over all other messages.
 3. The Message of Christ = “The Great Salvation”.
- C. MESSAGE OF FIRST TWO CHAPTERS: “We must give the more earnest heed...” Must hear it..... Can’t change it!.
- D. MESSAGE OF CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR: We must live by it.
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HOUSEHOLD OF CHRIST

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- A. CHRIST IS:
1. The Apostle of our confession - or
 2. The Messenger of our LIFE.
- B. GLORY OF BUILDER OF HOUSE - Household.
1. Not considering material house.
 2. But household or Family.
- C. MOSES WAS A PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD - family not the builder.
- D. CHRIST IS THE BUILDER (v. 4).
1. We are the house or family of God.
 2. Galatians 3:26,27; I Timothy 3:15.
- E. “IF WE HOLD FAST” v. 6....”unto the end”
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Rebellion Against Word

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- A. THE REBELLION IN THE WILDERNESS. Vs. 7,8,9.
1. Not one specific case...
 2. But again and again for 40 years.
- B. REBELLION AGAINST GOD and Specifically against the Word, Teaching, Commandment, MESSAGE OF GOD!
1. V. 15. When you hear his voice....
 2. Evil, unbelieving heart v. 12.
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C. THE RESULTS:

1. Thy shall never enter my rest.
2. “My Rest” = Promise Land.
3. Their bodies fell in the wilderness. V. 17.

D. GOD OFFERS US A “REST” TODAY. v. 12.

1. 4:1 “His rest remains”
2. Same thing that kept them out will KEEP US OUT TODAY! (**V. 18,19**)

THE WORD OF GOD

A. LIVING, ACTIVE, SHARPER than any two-edged sword. (4:12).

1. It is NO dead letter.
2. It is LIVING.

B. DIVIDING:

1. Soul, spirit, joint and marrow.
2. Not of literal body...but he heaps words upon word to show that the Divine word cuts through everything that is man.
3. Mere man cannot stand against it!

C. BUT DOES MAN REALLY THINK HE CAN STAND AGAINST AND OVERCOME GOD’S WORD?

1. Israel - when told they could not go into promised land...
 - a. Tried to go anyway.
 - b. Utterly failed.
2. Disobedience is always to (Against) the Word!.
 - a. Cannot disobey without being found out.
 - b. Cannot escape the Word of God.
3. The Word Is Sharper.....
 - a. If we rebel,....If we disobey.
 - b. God means exactly what He say... “You shall never enter my Rest”
 - c. Physical body cannot overcome sharp sword....
 - d. Mortal man cannot overcome God’s Word.

GOD’S WORD IS POWER..

A. TO SAVE:

1. We often emphasis the power of the Word of God in judgment against man.
 - a. Maybe too much.
 - b. In so doing we often overlook the power of God’s Word to save.
2. James 1:21: “Word”... “which is able to save your soul”
 - a. Mark 16:15,15; “shall be saved.”
 - b. Acts 11:14; shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shall be saved.”
 - c. Romans 1:16; Gospel....Power of God to Save.

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B. JUST AS MAN CANNOT REVERSE GOD’S WORD’S OF JUDGMENT...**HE CANNOT DENY GOD’S WORDS OF SALVATION!**

1. Word....sharper, etc... same argument.

2. Man can deny it, etc. **But he cannot change it or stop it..**

C. GOD STILL SAYS..... **MARK 16:15-16.**
