

Hebrews 3 – Eradicate Unbelief and Taste the Gifts of the Heavenly Realm

A few days ago, I was reading from Hebrews chapter 3 when revelation hit me like a ton of bricks. I was reminded of days long gone now where I would sit down with the Bible and read for hours before I felt like God was speaking specifically to me and my heart was touched. Today, it often only takes a verse or two to hear God speaking to me.

If you are one that has a hard time hearing God through reading the Bible, pray first and ask Holy Spirit to open your spiritual eyes to see truth and your heart to understand the depth of what He wants to speak to you. Then believe no matter how long it takes.



Read in different translations and use a concordance to look up the meaning of the words you are reading. Many times, the language or the flow of the words is foreign to the way we talk today and the meaning just bounces off of us. When God speaks to our spirits, we can listen with our mind, our body (our physical ears), or we can listen with our spirit. Our bodies and our minds can deceive us. We must learn to hear and understand with our spirit. That is discernment.

For our spiritual wealth is in him, like hidden treasure waiting to be discovered—heaven's wisdom and endless riches of revelation knowledge. I want you to know this so that no one will come and lead you into error through their persuasive arguments and clever words. Colossians 2:3-4 (TPT)

A part of spiritual maturity and our inheritance is the ability to discover heaven's wisdom and endless revelation knowledge. It is available to all of us who believe. It is a part of spiritual maturity to be able to discern what is of God and what is not. Yes, you. When you are mature you do not need spiritual leaders to discern for you and tell you what to believe. Recently I saw a post from an organization whose stated purpose is to raise up Christian leadership. They said, "Listening to too many preachers and reading too many books can result in confusion in doctrinal positions."

Those words hit my spirit and bounced off like a poison dart. Paul, in his letter to the believers in Colossae, states clearly that when we are mature in Jesus, no one can lead us into deception. I find many believers who are afraid to read or listen to anyone other than those approved by their "church" leadership because they are afraid they will be deceived. They have not matured to the point of being sure they are hearing the voice of Jesus and not the voice of another.

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.
John 10:27 (AMPC)



We must mature; we must grow up. Hebrews is a great book to read when it comes to understanding maturity. The Bible does not say who wrote the book, but most attribute it to Paul. Before we go back to Hebrews 3, let's take a quick look at Hebrews 6.

Now is the time for us to progress beyond the basic message of Christ and advance into perfection. The foundation has already been laid for us to build upon: turning away from our dead works to embrace faith in God, teaching about different baptisms, impartation by the laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. So with God's enablement we will move on to deeper truths. It is impossible to restore an apostate. For once a person has come into God's light, and tasted the gifts of the heavenly realm, and has received the Holy Spirit, and feasted on the good Word of God, and has entered into the power of the age that is breaking in, if he abandons his faith, there is no use even trying to lead him to repentance. By their sin of apostasy they re-crucify the Son of God, and have publicly repudiated him.
Hebrews 6:1-6 (TPT)

The word translated "perfection" means completeness or maturity. If we are to mature we need to move on beyond the foundation truths. We often quote the first three verses as listing those truths. However, if we look closer to the following verses, we see there is more. A part of maturity is coming into God's light. A part of growing up is tasting the gifts coming from the heavenly realm. A part of the elementary truths is receiving the Holy Spirit and feasting on the good Word of God. We cannot mature without these things. And wow! Entering into the power of the age that is breaking in? There is some revelation to be had in that statement!

Things to think about and on which to meditate. Now, back to Hebrews 3.

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NKJV)

Once again, we can get lost in the words and not grasp what is being said. We need Holy Spirit to translate into a language we can understand in today's terminology. The author is saying that in Old Testament times, Moses built a house to show us a picture of what the Messiah would eventually come to build.



The author goes on to say that the house Jesus was building Himself was us. What is the house of God? The Ekklesia. The word house in the Greek means "dwelling place" or "inhabited place". He is building a place where He is going to live, dwell, inhabit. That place is us! We cannot build it. He is the builder.

Because we have been taught that salvation is the prize, is the goal, we miss out on so much. Notice the rest of that verse. There is that mighty little word "if". We are His house if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. We are stones fashioned by the Lord. The Lord takes His polished stones (the mature ones) and places them in the house. Chapter 6 of Hebrews seems to indicate once we are mature and we leave what we had, we can become apostate. If we have tasted things heaven has to offer, if we experience the power of the age to come, and then turn back, are we still fit to be a stone in the house that Jesus is building? Does that mean we lose our salvation or is it that we are saved, but by fire? (1 Corinthians 3:15). I leave that in God's hands.

When we are a stone in the house of God, we are mature and productive. All the stones move as the army of God depicted in Joel, in step with the Master. When we are a stone apart from the House, we still know God, but we may move by our own will and not the Spirit of the Living God. Most of the time, we do our own thing, instead of seeking God for what He would have us to do. We must mature; we must grow up!



The house Jesus is building is His resting place. If He is at rest, so are we. We rest in Him and our works are done out of a state of being, rather than works done from doing in the flesh in order to try to please or appease God. There is a difference.

The author continues to talk about the Israelites who hardened their heart in the desert. Notice in verses 10 and 11 of chapter 3 of Hebrews that entering into rest means knowing and understanding God's ways! To understand His ways, you must understand what is in His heart!

Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'
Hebrews 3:10, 11 (NKJV)

How do we walk away from God and His ways even after tasting the goodness of heaven and experiencing the power of heaven's resources? Verse 12 tells us that it is unbelief. The Israelites in the desert saw mighty miracles, but they still did not understand God's ways. There was still so much unbelief in their hearts.

Verse 13 tells us we should encourage each other every single day concerning these things so we do not step into unbelief and rebellion. That means going to "church" once or twice a week is not enough!

Don't get me wrong. I am not against the "church", per se. Believers should and need to get together. Does it have to be in a building called a "church"? I am against organized religion. The "church" is NOT the Ekklesia. That is a major paradigm shift in our understanding of God's truth!

The rest of the chapter indicates that unbelief leads to rebellion, which is disobedience. The Israelites of old could not enter into all God had for them, because their unbelief led them to disobey God.

For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Hebrews 3:16-19 (NKJV)

We are on the cusp of a new age. Much of what we have been taught by organized religion is not based on God's Truth and His Ways. It is going to require some great paradigm shifts in our understanding. God is bringing revelation to secrets in His heart that we have not understood before. We must be flexible and not allow our hearts to grow hard like the Israelites did. We must stop putting God in a box of institutional doctrine.

We must desire not only to see the acts of God, but to know His ways, to know what is in His heart! We must move on to maturity until we are sure that we hear the voice of our God clearly and we will not follow another. When we are sure we hear His voice, we must obey at all costs, even if it costs us everything, and it very well might! We must move on from where we are, as noted in verse one of chapter 3 of Hebrews, to be partakers of all heaven has to offer, to be a part of the house, the

Ekklesia He is building. We must not allow disbelief to enter our hearts. We must enter into our inheritance! Rejoice to live in this great day!

