

AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF

Hebrews 3:12-13

INTRO:

- A. The Jewish Christians are being warned about the danger of hard hearts and unbelief.
- B. The example given is of their forefathers who did not believe and obey God.
- C. What about your heart? Do you believe not only in Jesus but in His words?

I. THE CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

- A. Don't be hard hearted. Hebrews 3:7-9
 - 1. Spies sent into the land. Deuteronomy 1:19-25
 - 2. A discouraging report. Deuteronomy 1:26-31
 - 3. They did not believe God. Deuteronomy 1:32-33
- B. An evil heart of unbelief. Hebrews 3:12
- C. Could not enter promised land. Hebrews 3:16-19

II. THAT WE MAY BELIEVE

- A. Mystery revealed for understanding. Ephesians 3:3-4
- B. Written so we may believe. John 20:30-31
- C. The word confirmed by God. Hebrews 2:1-4
- D. We must believe to please God. Hebrews 11:6
- E. Faith comes by hearing. Romans 10:17

III. TESTING YOUR FAITH

- A. Believing in Jesus. Acts 8:34-37
- B. Believing in His words:
 - 1. I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28-30
 - 2. Unless you repent you will perish. Luke 13:1-3
 - 3. Believe, be baptized to be saved. Mark 16:15-16

CONCLUSION:

- A. The story of the spies tells us that the people did not believe God so they did not obey..
- B. God gave us His word so that we can understand it, believe it and obey it to receive salvation.
- C. Have you obeyed Jesus through faith, repentance and baptism? Won't you obey Him today?