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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Can you “Hear” His voice?

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HEBREWS 3:12-15 NKJV - (12) Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; (13) but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, (15) while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

The author of Hebrews tells his readers to guard their hearts and exhort one another so that they will persevere (3:12–13). Some have made a false profession of faith and will not persevere. That is why he warns his readers again in 3:15 not to harden their hearts lest they be counted as those with a false profession. And even though we are not in the same situation as the Hebrews were, we who confess Christ today must also take that warning seriously.

A majority of Americans claim to be born again Christians. The sin in our country makes it hard to take these claims seriously. Perhaps many think they are Christians because they once confessed Christ in the past. Scripture commands us to possess genuine faith in Christ. Pray that God would continue to sustain your faith in Him.

Sharing in Christ means that we hold our original confession till the end. Only those who maintain faith in Christ throughout their lives will see Him in glory. Only those who work out this faith with fear and trembling will persevere and share in Christ. Our sharing in Christ is not based only on our first confession. Rather, our sharing in Christ also depends on possessing faith now and possessing it until the end. The original confession is important, but it only brings salvation if, by the grace of God, we hold it firm to the end.

It is through His word, He speaks. Listen to His voice.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 17:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything.