

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: EXODUS LESSONS

Main Text: Heb 3:7-4:3

Sermon Description: In chapters 3 & 4, the author of Hebrews takes Psalm 95 as his text and applies the lessons of wilderness wanderings and Canaan promise to his audience with sermonic clarity and emphasis. The application of this text is strikingly relevant to his readers then and now. It is important and powerful to note in this sermon within a sermon that the authority cited is absolutely unambiguous. Even here, within scripture, the writer appeals to scripture as the inarguable voice of the Spirit of God. This appeal is also found in (1:1-2, 9:8, 10:15). There is no doubt that the self-authenticating Scripture's doctrine of inspiration is the divine-breathed reality of the recorded voice of God the Holy Spirit. There is also little doubt who is the author's target audience – The legitimate church of Jesus Christ. A summary definition of the true church could be adapted from 4:2-3. *The 'rest-bound' who are united by faith with all who listen to and believe the Good News.* A practical test question along these lines: “Do you have a brother or sister in Christ you are close to who you could never imagine connecting with if you were not both believers?”

Heading: THREE POINTS OF EMPHASIS IN HEBREWS FROM PSALM 95...

1. URGENCY – (Signaled by the Term: 'Today') (Heb 3:7, 13, 15, 4:1)

- a. Who is testing who? (3:7-9)
- b. Seize the day (3:13)
- c. Fear of God (4:1)

2. UNDERSTANDING – (Signaled by the Pronouns) (3:16-4:3)

- a. Left Egypt & led by Moses (3:16)
- b. 40 years (3:17)
- c. Root of disobedience (3:18)

3. ULTIMACY – (Signaled by the Term: 'Rest') (3:11,18,4:1, 3 etc.)

- a. Wrath or rest (3:11-12)
- b. Belief & rest (3:18-19)
- c. Illustration / Application

Close: The communion table this morning represents the binding elements of our fellowship today. The body and blood of Christ substantially address our condition. The urgency of our need is addressed immediately upon regeneration. Understanding of the finished work of Calvary is here symbolically communicated and the sacrifice of Christ secured our eternal rest and communion with a Holy God.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
O.T. Reference	N.T. Reference	Today / urgency	Understanding	Rest	Summary picture
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 95	Heb 3:7-19	Heb 3:7,13,15,4:1	Heb 3:16-4:3	Heb 3:11,18,4:1,3	Luke 23:39-43

FURTHER STUDY: 40 years (Gen 7:4,17,Dt 2:7,8:2, Jsh 14:10, Nh 9:21, Jonah 3:4, Mt 4:21, Acts 1:3, 7:30,36)

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 48