**Hebrews 3**

**Context of Hebrews 2:5-18**

**Jesus, the perfect Man, is training us for the Kingdom by leading us through suffering. His faithful and merciful role is emphasized.**

**Main idea of chapter 3 and 4**

**As partners of the Son, we get our Rest by a persevering faith.**

**Ch. 3: Maintaining our confidence in, and partnership with, the Son**

**Part I: Hebrews 3:1-6 - An important consideration; Which house?**

**1. The audience of the writer is clearly believers – 3:1**

**2. The experience of Israel in general, and Moses in particular, can be helpful**

**3. The theme involves faithfulness; of Moses, Jesus, Israel, and of us.**

**4. The audience was tempted to return to their former system of Judaism.**

**5. The OT “house” was not all Israel, but the Tabernacle (Num. 12:7) and its arrangement for worship and priestly work, where the faithful gathered.**

**6. Likewise, the NT “house” is not “all believers”. Just like the OT, it refers to the partners (3:1), who are also the faithful worshippers.**

**7. Today, we remain part of that house if we maintain our confidence (faith) in the Son and in our expectation (hope) to rule with Him (3:6).**

**Part II: Hebrews 3:7-11 – A valuable illustration; Israel’s history**

**1. Again, the encouragement to listen to God’s Word (1:2; 2:1-4)**

**2. Ps. 95 is a call to worship, as Israel would at the “house” (Tabernacle)**

**3. Would the readers be a part of the worshipping community of disciples?**

**3. Cautions from Ps. 95**

* **Don’t harden your hearts.**
* **Pay attention to the evidence and act on what is true.**
* **Learn what He is like, not only what He has done.**
* **There will be consequences for acting on what is not true.**

**Part III: Hebrews 3:12-15 – A relevant application; Learn from their mistake**

**1. The application is for us as Christians (“brethren”).**

**2. Christians can stop believing and leave the faith.**

**3. One remedy involves us regularly encouraging others in the faith.**

**4. We need to take advantage of the opportunity (“today”).**

**5. Sin fools you into thinking the wrong way (“deceitfulness of sin”).**

**6. Not acting on faith causes us to lose our partnership with Jesus.**

**7. We are partners when we finish well.**

**8. Once again, the author returns to Israel’s example as a warning (Cor. 10:6, 11).**

**Part IV: Hebrews 3:16-19 – A serious summation; Israel paid a high price**

**1. 3:16 is best understood following the KJV; it wasn’t everyone.**

**2. Of the entire nation, only two entered rest (the Promised Land).**

**3. Moses and Aaron also fell in the wilderness from unbelief! (Num. 20:10-13).**

**4. Our hard hearts impact others.**

**5. How did discouragement from the people impact Moses (Num. 20:2-5)?**

**6. In Hebrews, the emphasis is on acting on what we know is true or our faith.**

**7. Disobedience starts with losing confidence or faith (Heb. 11).**