



The overall theme of Hebrews is that Jesus is Better! The Author of Hebrews calls us to make three Examinations in chapter 3.

I. Examine the Foundation of True Belief. (3:1-6)

The author is once again comparing Jesus to a “hero” of the Jewish faith, Moses. He wants to point out that Jesus is better than anything we could be tempted to look to for rest or comfort. He points out four ways that Jesus is better than Moses.

- A. Christ was the Builder of the House of Israel; Moses was a part of the house.**
- B. Christ was over the house; Moses was in the house.**
- C. Christ was as a Son; Moses was a servant.**
- D. Christ was the Revealer; Moses testified to a revelation.**

Jesus is the only firm foundation for those who are looking for rest.

II. Examine the Failure of Israel’s Belief. (3:7-11)

They had Moses, a faithful leader, but they still failed in their belief.

- A. The Exodus generation hardened their hearts.**
- B. The Exodus generation erred in their hearts.**

I Cor. 10:11 says, “Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

We are told to examine the Israelites as examples so that we do not make the same mistakes that they did.

After the author has examined the failure of Israel’s belief, he turns the tables and he now wants you to...

III. Examine the Fortitude of Your Belief. (3:12-19)

- A. Examine the direction of your heart.**
- B. Examine the deceitfulness of your heart.**
- C. Examine the determination of your heart.**
- D. Examine the destination of your heart.**

The followers of Moses failed to enter God’s promised destination of rest due to their disobedience and unbelief. The author warns believers not to do the same. That is the danger of doubting. It leads to disobedience and then to unbelief.

Because man is prone to doubt, you must examine your heart for unbelief.

Jesus! I am resting, resting
 In the joy of what Thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness
 Of Thy loving heart.
 Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
 And Thy beauty fills my soul,
 For, by Thy transforming power,
 Thou hast made me whole.
 Jesus! I am resting, resting
 In the joy of what Thou art.
 I am finding out the greatness
 Of Thy loving heart.

Ever lift Thy face upon me,
 As I work and wait for Thee;
 Resting ’neath
 Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
 Earth’s dark shadows flee.
 Brightness of my Father’s glory,
 Sunshine of my Father’s face,
 Keep me ever trusting, resting,
 Fill me with Thy grace.
 This testimony can be ours as well.