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Hebrews 3:7-19

[7] Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his
voice, [8] do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day
of testing in the wilderness, [9] where your fathers put me to the
test and saw my works for forty years. [10] Therefore I was
provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray
in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ [11] As I swore in my
wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

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heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort
one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of
you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have
come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence
firm to the end. 15 As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not
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16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all
those who left Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was he
provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned,
whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear
that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were
disobedient? 19 So we see that they were unable to enter because
of unbelief.

Outline

1. The Voice of the Spirit
2. The Urgency of His Warning
3. The Confidence of Faith

1. The Voice of the Spirit

Hebrews 3:7-11

How the Spirit Speaks

"Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says…"

Israel's disobedience in the wilderness □ (Numbers 14)	Application to the OT worshiping community □ (Psalm 95)	Application to the contemporary audience (Hebrews 3–4)

The Spirit continues to speak through the ever-contemporary Word of God

"See that you do not refuse him who is speaking."
(Hebrews 12:25a)

Arthur W. Pink
(1886–1952)

1. The Voice of the Spirit

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I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And then, while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my Philip and my Amsdorf, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. I did nothing. The Word did it all.

—Martin Luther

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Hebrews 3:7-11

2. The Urgency of His Warning

Hebrews 3:12-19

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a. The urgency: “Today…every day…Today” (vv. 7, 13, 15)

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—"an evil unbelieving heart" (v. 12)
—"leading you to fall away from the living God" (v. 12)
—"lest you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (v. 13)
—"do not harden your hearts" (vv. 8, 15)
—"those who rebelled" (v. 16)
—"those who sinned" (v. 17)
—"those who were disobedient" (v. 18)
—"they were unable to enter because of unbelief" (v. 19)

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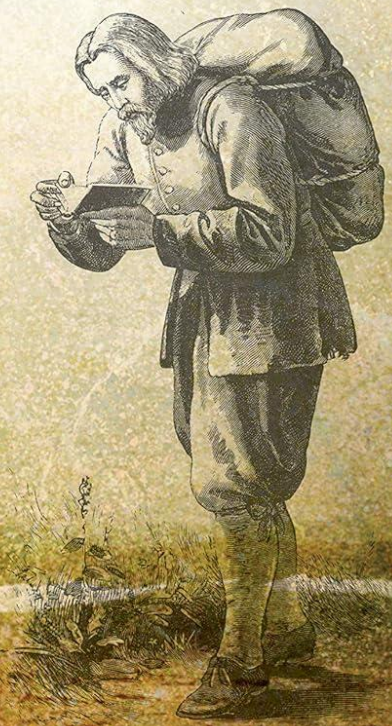

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John Bunyan

2. The Urgency of His Warning

c. How apostasy works

> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. [13] But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (vv. 12-13)

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Hebrews 3:12-19

3. The Confidence of Faith

Hebrews 3:12-14

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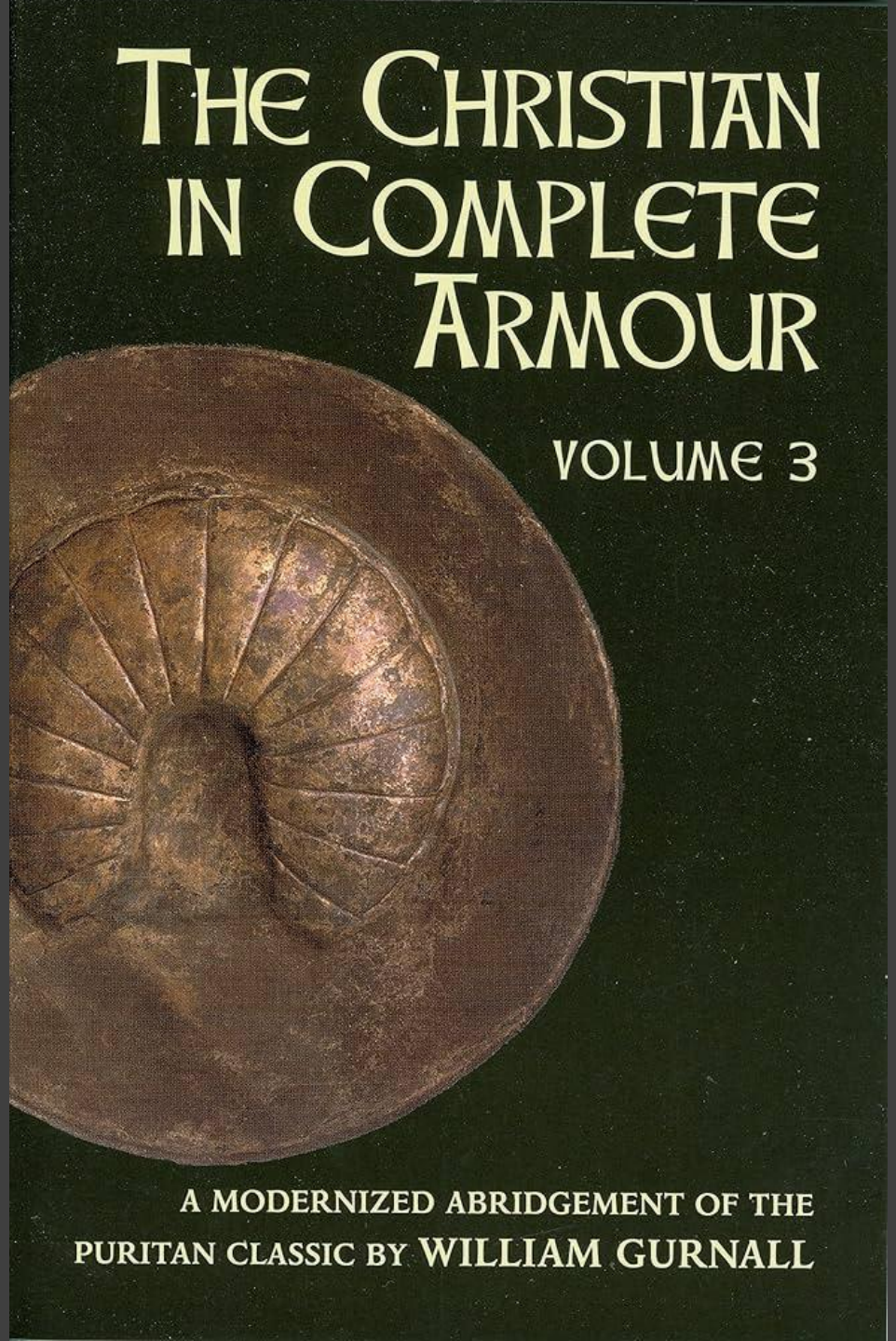
v. 19: "because of <u>unbelief</u>"



The Preeminence of Unbelief Among Sins

Gurnall argues that just as faith is the preeminent grace, so unbelief is the chief of sins.

- Because it leads to other sins: "Unbelief is a sin-making sin."
- Because it shuts out the gospel: "All the offers of love which God makes to an unbelieving heart fall like sparks into a river; they are put out as soon as they fall into it.
- Because it shuts out salvation: "No help can come to the sinner as long as unbelief bolts the door of his heart."

—William Gurnall

3. The Confidence of Faith

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v. 14: For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

v. 6: And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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