

# Sermon Notes

“Be Wary of Wandering”

Hebrews 3:7-19

March 19, 2023

5. What has been one of the most rebellious times of your life? What resulted from it? Who helped bring you back from it?
  
6. How might a person show that he or she has “come to share in Christ” (3:14; cf. 10:35-36)? Contrast this with those described in 1 John 2:19. Some of the greatest promises of the new covenant are found in Jeremiah 32:40. What are the two promises that God makes in this verse? How can we be sure that God will not turn from us? How can we be sure that we will not turn from God?
  
7. God promises to preserve his people. Where do you see God’s preserving power in these three doxologies (Heb 13:20-21; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 1:11-12)? Yet this does not mean we can be complacent, for God promises to guard us through faith, meaning we must persevere in believing. If we fail to persevere, then we demonstrate that we were never truly partakers of Christ. Having seen these things, what should our response be? See Peter’s exhortation to his readers in 2 Peter 1:10-11.

**Let’s Pray**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-19-2023

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## Getting Started:

1. Why do you think some people follow Christ for a little while and then turn away from Him?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Hebrews 3:7-19

2. From the immediate context, what does it mean to harden one's heart (3:8-9)? How is this related to "going astray" (3:10) or "turns away" (3:12)? How does a person's heart become hard toward God?
3. How would you describe your heart (warm, cold, big, small, hard, soft, some combination of these features, etc.) Why?
4. What role does the Christian community play in keeping one another true to God? (3:13; cf. 10:24-25)? Whom can you encourage today? How?