

THE SIN OF UNBELIEF

Hebrews 3:17-19

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This Hebrew congregation was in danger of apostasy
- 1) They were loosening their original commitments to Christ
 - 2) They were, *"forsaking the assembling of themselves together"*

- B. They are warned not to become unbelievers
- 1) *verse 12*
 - 2) *verses 18-19*

I. Those Who Sinned *verse 17*

- A. *"But with whom was he grieved forty years?"*

- 1) *"grieved" = προσοχθίζω = "to be burdened or heavy laden with", "to be sore vexed with"*
- 2) *"And with whom was God wearied..."*

- B. *"...was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?"*

- 1) *"Was it not with them who sinned..."*
- 2) *"Whose bodies lay where they fell in the wilderness?"*

- C. The record of their sin

- 1) *Numbers 25:1 - "committed whoredoms"*
- 2) *Numbers 21:4-6 - "fiery serpents"*

- D. The interpretation of their sin

- 1) *I Corinthians 10:6 - "ensamples"*
- 2) *I Corinthians 10:11 - "ensamples"*

II. The Basis Of Their Sin verse 18

A. *"And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?"* vs 18

- 1) *"enter"* = εισερχομαι = "to come or go into"
- 2) *"rest"* = καταπαυσις = "a place of rest", "a resting down", "putting to rest", "fixed abode"
- 3) *"believed Not"* = απειθεω = "to be disobedient", "unbelief passed into action"
- 4) *"And who was it to whom God made oath"* Gspd. "that they should not be admitted to His place of rest, save unto them who were faithless and disbelieving"

B. *"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief"*

- 1) *"unbelief"* = απιστια = "no faith"
- 2) *"We see, then that they failed to enter upon it because of want of faith"*

III. Some Facts To Consider

A. They were sinners

- 1) This was not the basis of failure
- 2) Success is not built on sinlessness!

B. They would not believe!

- 1) His word to them
- 2) His power to do what He said
- 3) Their unbelief led to their sin and rebellion