

Hardening Of The Heart

"Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity." Proverbs 28:14 (English Standard Version)

Some no longer _____ to the Lord; their hearts are _____.

A Needed Lesson From The Past

- A. Hebrews 3:12,13 - They were to _____, lest they be _____ by the _____ of sin.
- B. The example behind the lesson:
1. Hebrews 3:7-11 - These verses are a _____ from Psalm 95, an example from _____'s past.
 2. Psalm 95:7b-9 - Don't _____ your _____ like your fathers did in the _____, when they _____ God.
 3. Exodus 17:3 - Israel _____ because they had no _____, and _____ God's intentions and abilities.
 4. Exodus 17:7 - At Meribah they _____ the Lord.
 5. Psalm 95:10,11 - God was _____ with them, and swore that they would not _____ His _____.
- C. Matthew 13:4 - When the ground is _____, the seed cannot _____ and good cannot come.

How To Prevent Hardening Of The Heart

- A. Psalm 95 - Preventing spiritual hardening:
1. 95:1,2 - They are called to _____ to the Lord, to come with _____ and to shout _____ to Him.
 2. 95:3-5 - Why? Because the Lord is the great _____, He is the _____ of all things.
 3. 95:6,7a - But _____ must accompany their praise. They are to _____ down, to _____, and acknowledge God as their _____.
 4. John 4:24 - To "worship" is to _____ oneself. B.
Confirmation of this prescription:
1. Proverbs 28:14 - The one who is always _____ is _____. But a hardened heart leads to _____.
 2. Romans 2:4,5 - God's _____ leads us to _____. C.
If we don't _____ to our doctor, can she _____ us?

Hebrews 3:7 - It all begins with _____ God's _____.

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