

If You Hear His Voice
Hebrews 3:7-13
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of hearing the Voice of God, through God's Word.

Intro: 1. Some of us know what we mean when we say "selective hearing".
2. Let's take a look at our text, **Hebrews 3:7-13**.

I. Some Have Ears But Won't Hear

- A. Jesus' declaration (**Mt 13:14-15**)
- B. Jesus' declaration & explanation (**Jn 8:43-44**)
- C. To the churches of Asia: "He who has ear to hear..." (Rev 2&3)

II. Why Won't People Hear?

- A. Do not believe it is God's Voice (**Heb 12:25-28**)
 - 1. If you hear God speaking – would you respond?
 - 2. His word is as much His word as if He orally declared it.
- B. Sin causes one to become "hard of hearing" (**Heb 3:12-13**)
 - 1. Sin of not doing (**James 4:17**)
 - 2. Pleasure of sin – one wants to continue (**Heb 11:25**)
- C. "Noise" of the world drowns out the voice.

III. What do we need to hear?

- A. The words of "Great Salvation" (**Heb 2:1-3**)
 - 1. Immediate or present salvation (**2 Cor 6:1-2**)
 - 2. Eternal salvation (**Heb 5:8-9**)
- B. Go to the ideal of perfection (**Heb 5:12-6:1**)
- C. Worship regularly (**Heb 10:24-25**)
- D. Be aware of the danger of willful sin of apostasy, or, "departing from the living God." (**Heb 3:12-13; 10:26-31**).
- E. The exhortation to faithfulness (**Heb 10:32-38**).

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Salvation is dependent on hearing and doing the will of God (**Mt 7:21-23**)
- 2. How is your hearing?
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9