

TODAY

Hebrews 3:7-8

Introduction

Thematic Statement: Today is a precious gift from God! Not yesterday, is gone, and will never be again. Not tomorrow, its not here, yet, and may never come. All we have is TODAY. From this book of better things, from this book, whose writer is disputed, we have this verse that speaks of TODAY.

A day is...

24 hours, a morning, an afternoon, an evening, and a night...

1 complete rotation of the earth on her imaginary axis, as she spins in her celestial orbit around the sun...

A precious gift from God, that should not be taken for granted...

My financial portfolio cannot be compared to one like Donald Trump's, but when God is passing out days, He gives me just as much day as Donald Trump!

Thank God for days! But, the only one we have, right now, is TODAY.

Relevant Question: What shall we do with such a precious gift?

Our text offers us at least two things that we need to do, TODAY. Pray with me as we discover these two things.

Body

I. Today, we must HEAR GOD'S VOICE.

A. Our God Speaks!

- 1) When we speak, its possible that were joking, or just passing time. Some folks talk just to hear themselves speaking.
- 2) But, when God talks, He's always doing something.
- 3) His Word is always powerful.
- 4) When He speaks, things happen.
- 5) His Word declares that He hastens to perform His Word.
- 6) He simply said, "Let there be," and there was!
- 7) And, the good news is that He's still speaking!

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B. If or Since

*In the Greek language, there is only one word that translated into English as “if” and “since.”

- 1) “If” suggests that there are those that cannot hear God’s voice, and the only thing that hinders hearing God’s voice is sin.

(Isaiah’s Example)

- a. If you cannot hear God’s voice, hurry, TODAY, and deal with your sins.
 - b. Jesus died to deal with our sins.
 - c. The Word declares, “If we confess our sins, God is just and faithful to cleanse us and forgive our sins.”
 - d. Nothing can restore one’s ability to hear God’s voice like having his/her sins cleansed and forgiven.
- 2) “Since” suggests that God is speaking and you CAN hear His voice. And, “since” you can hear His voice, there is something else for you to do TODAY.

II. “Since” you can hear His Voice, Do Not Harden Your Heart.

- A. The heart offers us our only means of hearing God’s voice.
- B. Old Testament Israel, referred to in our text, responded to God in unbelief.
- C. Unbelief is the response of a hardened heart.
- D. TODAY, let us respond to God with hearts filled with faith.
- E. Faith is always a right response of the heart to God’s Word.

Conclusion

Recap

There are but two things that we MUST DO, TODAY.

- 1) We must HEAR GOD’S VOICE.
- 2) We must not HARDEN OUR HEARTS.

Celebration

- Yesterday is gone...
- Tomorrow may never come...
- All we have is TODAY...
- The Psalmist declared, “This is the day that the Lord has made...”
- Except for those taken in the rapture, all of us are going to die.
- Regardless to what day it is when we die, that day will be TODAY.

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- On the day that Jesus died, He stopped dying long enough to answer the thief on the cross next to Him to tell him, “this day/TODAY thou shalt be with me in paradise.”
- Though we do not know the day nor the hour in which Jesus will return, we do know that whatever day that day is, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Monday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Tuesday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Wednesday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Thursday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Friday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Saturday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- That day may be a Sunday, but on that day, it will be TODAY!
- Let us then pray, in the words of the Psalmist, “Lord, teach us to number our days.”