

Text: Hebrews 3:7-19

## BATTLING THE SIN OF UNBELIEF

### 1. THE DEADLY SIN OF UNBELIEF

a) This was recognised by a number of Psalmists (Psalms 78; 95; 106)

b) The sin of unbelief was pinpointed by the writer of Hebrews (Hebrews 3:12, 19)

### 2. Features of Unbelief

a) Hardening of the heart Hebrews 3:8

b) Expressed in rebellion Hebrews 3:8

c) Testing of the Lord (defiance) Hebrews 3:9

d) Going astray in the heart Hebrews 3:10

e) Ignorance of God's ways Hebrews 3:10

f) An evil heart Hebrews 3:12

g) Departing from the Lord Hebrews 3:12

### 3. Battling unbelief effectively

a) Recognise the deadliness of sin Hebrews 3:13

i) It is deceitful Hebrews 3:13

ii) It hardens the heart Hebrews 3:13

iii) It makes the heart rebel Hebrews 3:16

b) Learn to fear the Lord

i) Fearing the wrath of God Hebrews 3:10-11

ii) Fearing His judgment Hebrews 3:11, 16-19

c) Responding to the Lord

i) The ministry of the Spirit Hebrews 3:7

ii) The word of God Psalm 95:7-11 (cited)

d) Exhortation of each other Hebrews 3:13

e) True Partakers of Christ

Hebrews 3:14

i) If we hold our confidence

ii) If we are steadfast to the end

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

*Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.  
Hebrews 3:12*