

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S MESSAGE

Intro: God hath spoken - what shall we do?

I. "Let us Give heed" - 2:1

A. He desires our attention

B. He desires our retention -

1. Let at any time we should let them slip.
2. To lead out as from a broken vessel.
3. Leakage in our recollection
4. Also - "let me should slip away from them backsliding -

II. "Let us Take heed" - 3:12

A. not only hold to the word but believe it -

B. not only understand but believe -

C. Unbelief = disobedience

D. O. savor word to believe = to live by -

III. "Let us Harken" - 3:15 - if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts -

A. Not enough to obey what already know, but essential to be watching & waiting to know his voice in everything & at all times.

B. Said - "to obey is better than sacrifice to harken than the fat of rams."

IV. Let us fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" 4:1

4:8

A. Joshua, the ancient leader of Israel - Jesus

B. Canaan rest - not future heaven.

inheritance of reality, victory & peace -
opposed to wilderness wanderings

C. Serious thing to allow Father's will to go by default

D. Tragedy of forgiveness falling back from threshold of Canaan.

V. "Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest"

- A. laboring for rest - wage before victory
 pile of busy years before retirement.
- B. "There are crisis moments through which a soul must pass in the throes of a great conflict ere it can find lasting peace." A. B. S.
- C. word "labor" = "make speed" -
 instant action - "today"
- D. when God is speaking & the faint pleading,
 all the resources of grace are waiting
 to carry you through - that is the
 time for action - not delay.