

“Better Than Our Wilderness”

Hebrews 3:6–19

Main Idea: Jesus is better than our wilderness—and He alone can lead us into the rest God always intended.

Introduction: The Lost Hiker

1. Jesus is the Better Voice in the wilderness (vv. 6–11)

- Israel heard God’s voice in the wilderness but hardened their hearts.
 - Israel resisted God even after seeing His works for forty years.
 - Israel’s unbelief kept them from rest.
- Jesus offers the true rest they never entered.
- Listen to the Better Voice.
 - Respond today and trust His way.

2. Jesus builds a better community for the journey (vv. 12–14)

- Jesus forms a community that helps one another persevere.
 - The warning: unbelief can “trip you up” and divert you from the living God.
 - The command: “encourage one another” while it’s still Today.
 - The promise: if we hold firm, we show we truly belong to Christ.
- We are better together.
 - Guard one another and persevere as partners.

3. Jesus leads to a better rest than the wilderness ever could (vv. 15–19)

- Israel experienced deliverance but not destination.
 - Israel died in the wilderness because they wouldn’t listen.
 - They saw miracles but never entered rest because they never believed.
- Jesus doesn’t just deliver us—He brings us all the way home.
- Don’t repeat Israel’s story.
 - Follow the Better Leader and enter the better rest

Conclusion

- If we listen to Jesus’ voice Today, He will bring us safely into the rest the wilderness could never give.