Communion Meditation - In the Wilderness

Hebrews 3.7-11

The Lost Generation

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Life in the Wilderness (review)

- Last week we focused on 3 wildernesses of Moses' life
- Today we'll look at the "lost generation" ~ perished in wilderness

The Lost Generation

- Hebrews 3.7-11 is same text as Psalm 95.7d-11
 - Robert Estienne probably intended that ~ (1551 / applied verse #'s)
 - The psalm is captioned "A Call to Worship and Obedience"
 - We read Psalm 95.1-7c as the Intro to Worship today
- What is meant by, "They shall not enter My rest"?
 - Does it mean that they will not enter into Canaan, "The Promised Land"
 - Or, does it mean something more...?

Hardening Your Hearts

- The Writer of Hebrews cautions in v8,
 - o "Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion"
 - o God swears in His wrath they will not enter His rest
- Does this mean no one was saved ~ that all 20 and over went to hell?
 - It appears so ~ Let's finish the chapter (Read vss 12-19)
 - v19 ~ "... they could not enter in because of <u>unbelief</u>"

There is More About Salvation Shared Here

- v6 ~ "Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast"
- v14 ~ ".. we have become partakers of Christ if we hold .. steadfast"
- Our text ~ the warning to not follow their example ~ is between these
- Partaking in Christ is true only for those that are steadfast to the end
- This is not conditional salvation / It is conditional understanding of salvation
 - o "whose house we are" is <u>present</u> tense / "have become" is <u>past</u> tense

God extends the grace of repentance to whomever He wishes

And He does not extend the grace of repentance to whomever He wishes

And rebels that test Him ~ that harden their hearts toward Him ~ are warned