

Hebrews 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

Analysis

Introducing Psalm 95:7-11, the author emphasizes the Holy Spirit's authorship of Scripture ('the Holy Spirit says'). The present tense indicates Scripture's ongoing authority. 'Today' (Greek 'sēmeron') creates urgency - every day is the day to hear and obey God's voice. Reformed theology emphasizes the immediate applicability of Scripture and the Spirit's role in illuminating it to believers.

Historical Context

Psalm 95 was used in Jewish synagogue worship as a call to worship. The author applies it as a warning against unbelief, using Israel's wilderness failure as a type of potential Christian apostasy from the faith.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why is 'today' always the appropriate time to respond to God's voice?
2. How does recognizing the Holy Spirit as Scripture's author affect your Bible reading?

Interlinear Text

Διό	καθώς	λέγει	τὸ	πνεῦμα	τὸ	ἅγιον	Σήμερον
Wherefore	(as	saith	G3588	Ghost	G3588	the Holy	To day
G1352	G2531	G3004		G4151		G40	G4594
ἐὰν	τῆς	φωνῆς	αὐτοῦ	ἀκούσητε			
if	G3588	voice	his	ye will hear			
G1437		G5456	G846	G191			

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 3:15 (Parallel theme): While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Isaiah 55:3 (Parallel theme): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Revelation 3:20 (Parallel theme): Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Hebrews 4:7 (Parallel theme): Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

John 10:27 (Parallel theme): My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Psalms 81:13 (Parallel theme): Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

Hebrews 3:13 (Parallel theme): But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Psalms 81:11 (Parallel theme): But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

John 10:3 (Parallel theme): To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

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