

Hebrews 4:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God 'again fixes a certain day' through David's psalm (Psalm 95), written centuries after Joshua. The word 'today' maintains urgency across generations. This demonstrates Scripture's timeless relevance and the Holy Spirit's present-tense address through ancient texts. Reformed hermeneutics affirms the historical meaning while recognizing the Spirit's ongoing application to contemporary readers.

Historical Context

Psalm 95 was written c. 1000 BC, about 400 years after the wilderness rebellion. Yet it speaks of 'today,' showing the warning remained relevant. The author applies it again in the first century, and it remains relevant now.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the ongoing relevance of 'today' prevent spiritual complacency?

2. What does it mean that God addresses you personally through Scripture written millennia ago?

Interlinear Text

πάλιν	τινὰ	όριζει	ήμέραν	Σήμερον	ἐν	Δαβὶδ	λέγων
Again	a certain	he limiteth	day	To day	in	David	saying
G3825	G5100	G3724	G2250	G4594	G1722	G1138	G3004
μετὰ	τοσοῦτον	χρόνον	καθὼς	εἴρηται,	Σήμερον	ἐὰν	τῆς
after	so long	a time	as	it is said	To day	if	G3588
G3326	G5118	G5550	G2531	G2046	G4594	G1437	
φωνῆς	αὐτοῦ	ἀκούσητε	μὴ	σκληρύνητε	τὰς	καρδίας	
voice	his	ye will hear	not	harden	G3588	hearts	
G5456	G846	G191	G3361	G4645		G2588	
ὑμῶν							
your							
G5216							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 95:7 (Parallel theme): For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

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.