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as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:"

Psalms 95:6-11, "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. 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, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest."

I. A Hard Heart Exposed

Psalms 95:7-8, "To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart,"

1. A Hard Heart Silences The Voice Of God

Isaiah 50:10, "Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God."

John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"

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Psalms 28:1, "Be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit."

2. A Hard Heart Grieves The Spirit Of God

Psalms 95:10, "Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:"

Luke 6:7, "And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him."

Mark 3:5, "And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

3. A Hard Heart Blinds You To The Ways Of God

Psalms 95:10, "they have not known my ways:"

2 Timothy 3:5, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Matthew 19:8, "He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

4. A Hard Heart Prevents The Peace Of God

Psalms 95:11, "Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest."

Hebrews 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

Psalms 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

II. A Hard Heart Explained

1. Sin

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

Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

2. Society

Genesis 19:8, "Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof."

Hebrews 5:14, "Those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

3. Skirmishes

4. Cynicism

Hosea 10:12, "Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

5. Scholasticism

III. **A Hard Heart Expelled**

Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

1. Respond To Every Prompting Of The Spirit Of God

Failures

Fires

Faithfulness

Families

Malachi 4:6, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Frailties

2. Repent Of Every Known Sin

3. Remember What Your Sin Cost Your Savior

4. Rend Your Heart

Joel 2:13, "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

Psalms 35:13, "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom."

5. Request That God Soften Your Heart

Job 23:16, "For God maketh my heart soft:"

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