

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for March 16, 2014**

**Christ is Superior to Moses**  
**Hebrews 3:7-9**

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets in Hebrews 1:1-4.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-2:18.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-4:13).

Christ, as an example of faithfulness, is superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6).

Christ's superior example of faithfulness led the author to warn his readers against the sin of unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:13).

The first part of the author's warning against the sin of unbelief focused on Israel's past failure in the wilderness after they exited Egypt (Hebrews 3:7-19).

The first thing that the author did as he introduced Israel's past failure was to quote, in Hebrews 3:7-11, an Old Testament passage from Psalms 95: 7-11.

David's account of Israel's past failure initially focused on the hardening of their hearts after they had exited Egypt (Hebrews 3:7-9; cf. Psalm 95:7-9).

The Hebrew word "meribah" meaning "quarrel" and the Hebrew word "massah" were the names assigned by God to a place where the children of Israel failed to believe in God for the provision of water in Exodus 17.

Significantly, the word "meribah" is used in one other place and this is forty years later when they again failed to believe in God for the provision of water in a place called Kadesh in Numbers 20.

The pathology of a hard heart is unbelief, followed by contempt, followed by disobedience.

May God give us the grace to listen to His voice so that our hearts will not become hardened as the hearts of the children of Israel hardened after they had exited Egypt.