

**Hebrews 3:1-15**  
**(Numbers 20:2-13)**  
**“Persevering on the Journey”**

## **Introduction**

This exhortation is written to people who have already faced persecution for their faith and have stood fast, but who are again facing trouble and are now tempted to turn away and seek an easier path. The author writes to encourage and to challenge, to remind them of the dire consequences of denying what they know to be true and of turning away from the ways of life, and to remind them of the glory that awaits those who persevere to journey’s end. Our passage this morning makes that call to perseverance clear, and requires faithfulness whether we are together or alone.

## **Body**

### **1. Learning to walk alone faithfully: the contemplative parts of life’s journey (3:1-6).**

*“Consider Jesus” (3:1):*

- Consider what he has made us by uniting us to himself (3:1a).  
*Holy / Family / Destined for glory*
- Consider what he became in order to unite us to himself (3:1b-5).  
*Apostle / High Priest / Son of Man*
- Remember the only basis of assurance (3:6).  
*Christ’s faithfulness / Our perseverance*

### **2. Learning to walk together faithfully: the communal parts of life’s journey (3:7-15).**

*“Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” (3:13).*

- Exhort one another in Spirit and truth (3:7-11).  
*Spirit / Scripture / Application*
- Exhort one another with blood-earnest warnings (3:12-15).  
*Spell out sin and its consequences*
- Exhort one another with warm words of assurance (3:14).  
*Emphasize Christ’s faithfulness and the importance of perseverance*

## **Conclusion**

Where are you on life’s journey this morning? Where are you being tempted to turn back? Write these words on your hearts and impress them on your minds. The way to life involves both contemplation of Christ and communal encouragement. Have

you build these into your life? “Consider Jesus” and “Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today.”

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