- Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,
- 3:2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.
- 3:3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.
- 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.
- 3:5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,
- 3:6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.
- 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,
- 3:8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,
- 3:9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.
- 3:10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'
- 3:11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "
- 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;
- 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,
- 3:15 while it is said:"Today, if you will hear His voice,Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."
- 3:16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?
- 3:17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
- 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?
- 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Good morning everyone.

I hope you have been well in the midst of the dizzying weather changes: gloomy and humid days, sudden thunderstorms, midsummer-like weather exceeding 30 degrees Celsius, and dizzying changes in weather.

Today is Father's Day. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the men of the church for their presence and dependable work.

Now we have entered the third chapter of the book of Hebrews.

In chapter 1, we saw Christ Jesus, the Creator of the world and the Son who excelled the angels; in chapter 2, the great Son took a lower form than the angels, became a man, and was brought low to die a substitutionary death, "releasing those who had been enslaved all their lives for fear of death," and "in the sight of God He became "a merciful and faithful high priest, like his brethren in every respect to make atonement for the sins of his people," and was portrayed as a Savior who "can help those in trial because the Lord himself has suffered through trial.

Chapter 3 compares Jesus to Moses, who was used in the event of Israel's deliverance from Egypt, and tells us that Jesus created the house of Israel itself and is the One who governs it, unlike Moses, who serves the house of God.

For God's people, Israel, the Exodus was a major event that was like the original experience between the people and God. God used Joseph to bring His people to live in Egypt and deliver them from famine, which was also a great event for God's people. 430 years have passed since then. However, 430 years later, a king who did not know that Joseph had saved Egypt enslaved the people of Israel and brought them to the land of Egypt.

Exodus 1:6 And Joseph died, and his brothers, and all the people of his days.

- 1:7 But the children of Israel begat many sons, and they multiplied, and became very strong, and filled the land.
- 1:8 Now a new king arose in Egypt, who knew not Joseph.
- 1:9 And he said to his people, "Behold, this people, the Israelites, are too many and too strong for us.
- 1:10 Now let us deal with them without reserve. And when they are many, and war breaks out, let them fight against us on the side of the enemy, that they may not at last flee from the land.
- 1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "If a boy is born to a Hebrew, throw him into the Nile, but let every girl live. But let every girl live.

Exodus 12:40 And the time that the Israelites dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

12:41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, on that very day,

the whole army of the Lord left the land of Egypt.

It was there that Moses was born. The baby, placed in a basket woven of papyrus, caught the eye of the daughter of Pharaoh, and Moses' sister was asked by the princess to find a nanny so that she could raise her own child while being paid. The princess knew all this and felt sorry for the child, so she spared his life.

She named him Moses and said, "Because I brought him out of the water."

It is a very strange act of God that this child would lead the people of Israel out of the water.

Exodus 2:23 After many days the king of Egypt died. And the people of Israel groaned and cried because of their affliction, and their cry because of their affliction came to God.

2:24 God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

2:25 And God looked back upon the people of Israel, and God rebuked them.

2:25 And God took heed to the people of Israel; and God did take heed to them.

We know what Moses did after this. He would return to Pharaoh, who had fled for fear of his life, and he would be used by God to free the Hebrews, his own people, saying many times, "Let my people go.

God would again send His Word to the Hebrews.

3:1 Therefore, holy brethren who are in the heavenly calling, we are not ashamed to confess our sins, but we are afraid to confess them. You should consider Jesus, the Messenger and High Priest of faith, whom we confess.

How much did God care for His people? It is written that God, who sent Moses, who took care of His people and delivered them from destruction, sent Jesus, who is far superior to Moses.

3:1 Therefore, holy brethren who are in the heavenly calling. 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren who are called in heaven, you should consider Jesus, the messenger and high priest of faith, whom we confess.

Holy brethren who are partakers of the heavenly calling.

Those who are partakers of the heavenly rest. Those who have been set apart for God, made

holy, made family, made brethren. We should think of Jesus, who was sent as a messenger and high priest to bring us into that faith. Be mindful, pay attention and look upon him well and thoughtfully, the Bible tells us.

3:2 He was faithful to the one who established him, just as Moses was faithful to the whole house of God.

3:3 For as the builder of a house is more honored than the house itself, so he was more worthy than Moses to receive great honor.

Here the Bible speaks of a comparison between Jesus and Moses.

Moses served the whole house of God faithfully. But Jesus was faithful to the One who set Himself up, to the God who set Him up and sent Him. Jesus is the Maker of His people, the house of God, and "just as the builder of a house is more honored than the house itself, so He was made worthy to receive greater honor than Moses.

3:4 For every house is made by someone, but the Maker of all things is God.

3:5 Now Moses was faithful to the whole house of God as a servant, to bear testimony concerning the things which should be spoken afterward,

3:6 Christ, as Son, was faithful to rule the house of God. If we hold fast to the end the confidence and the boast of our hope, we are the house of God.

Moses was faithful to the whole house of God as a servant, but Christ, as the Son, was faithful to rule and reign over the house of God.

He said, "If we hold fast the assurance of our hope and our pride to the end, we are the house of God."

It is in this Jesus that we have the confidence of hope and salvation.

If the people who were enslaved in Egypt, in fear and sorrow, were set free by Moses, how much more is the hope of salvation that comes to us in Jesus Christ? And through Jesus' salvation, we become God's people, no matter what nation we are from.

3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, / "If you have heard His voice this day, / you have heard His voice,

3:8 Let not your hearts be hardened, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when ye turned away from God.

- 3:9 Your fathers tried me there, and I was not able to keep the test of my fathers,
- 3:10 And they saw my works forty years. Therefore I said to the people of that time: "Their hearts were always troubled, and they did not acknowledge my ways.
- 3:11 And I was angry, and swore that I would not let them enter into my rest.

Even in the midst of God's miraculous work of salvation in the Exodus, the people were in unbelief.

Exodus 17:1 The whole congregation of the Israelites departed from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the Lord, and journeyed on and on, and camped at Rephidem, where there was no water for the people to drink.

17:2 So the people contended with Moses, saying, "Give us water to drink. Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me, and why do you test the Lord?

17:3 And the people watered there, and murmured against Moses, saying, "Why dost thou bring us out of Egypt, that we should die by the waters, with our children and our cattle?

17:4 At this Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are about to stone me to death.

17:5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go thou before the people, and take the rod in thine hand, with the elders of Israel, with which thou hast smitten the Nile.

17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee upon the rock of Horeb. And thou shalt smite the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah. This is because the people of Israel disputed, and because they tried the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord in us?

Numbers 14:1 Then all the congregation cried aloud, and the people wept that night.

14:2 And all the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "Oh, that we had died in the land of Egypt! 14:2 And all the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron.

14:3 Why hath the LORD brought us into this land, that we should fall on the sword, and that our wives and children should be crucified? Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?

14:4 And they said to each other, "Let us go back to Egypt with one of our own leaders.

14:5 Then Moses and Aaron prostrated themselves before the whole congregation of the people of Israel.

14:6 At this time Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who

searched the land, tore their garments,

14:7 And said to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, "The land which we have gone about and searched is a very good land, and the Lord is good.

14:8 If the LORD is good, he will lead us into it and give it to us. It is a land flowing with milk and honey.

14:9 But do not be disobedient to the LORD, nor be afraid of the people of the land. 14:9 But do not be disobedient to the LORD, nor be afraid of the people of the land, for they are too much food for us. They are but food for us. Those who defend them will be taken away. Do not be afraid of them, for the Lord is with us.

14:10 But all the congregation wanted to stone them to death. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all Israel from the tabernacle of meeting.

14:11 And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people insult me? How long will they not believe me, though I have done all manner of signs in them?

14:12 I will destroy them with pestilence, and I will make you a nation greater and stronger than they.

14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, The Egyptians have heard that thou hast led this people out of their midst with might,

14:14 And they will tell the inhabitants of the land. They have heard that You, the Lord, are in the midst of this people, and that You, the Lord, appear before their eyes, and that You cloud rests upon them, and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

14:15 Now if you slay every one of this people, the nation that has heard of you shall speak,

14:16 They will say, "The LORD has killed them in the wilderness because they could not lead his people into the land he swore to give them.

14:17 Go ahead and manifest the Lord's great power now, as you have promised.

14:18 You once said, "The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in mercy; he forgives sin and transgression, but he never forgives those who deserve punishment; he repays the sins of the fathers to the children, to three or four generations.

14:19 Forgive this people their trespasses, as you have forgiven them from Egypt until now, according to your great mercy.

14:20 And the LORD said, "I will forgive according to your word.

14:21 But I live, and the glory of the LORD shall fill the whole world. 14:21 But I live, and the glory of the LORD is in the whole world.

14:22 Not one of them, seeing my glory, and the signs that I have done in Egypt and in the wilderness, has thus tried me ten times, and has not hearkened to my voice,

14:23 And they shall not see the land which I swore that I would give to their fathers in the

days of old. And those who have offended me will not see it.

14:24 But my servant Caleb was of a different mind, and obeyed me perfectly, and I will bring him into the land where he has gone. His descendants shall possess it.

Psalm 95:1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Ps 95:2 We will go before the LORD with thanksgiving; we will make a joyful noise to him, with songs of praise.

95:3 For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods.

95:4 The deep places of the earth are in the hand of the LORD; the tops of the mountains are also his.

95:5 The sea is the LORD's; he has made it. 95:5 The sea is the LORD's, and he has made it; and his hand has made the earth clean.

95:6 Now let us worship and bow down and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

95:7 For the LORD is our God, and we are his shepherds, and the sheep of his hand. 95:8 And let us bow down before the LORD our Maker, and let us prostrate ourselves before him, and let us bow down before the LORD our Maker.

95:8 Be not hardened in heart, as ye were at Meribah, and as ye were in the days of Massah in the wilderness.

95:9 At that time your fathers tried me and tested me, though they had seen my works.

95:10 For forty years I have been rebuking their generations, saying, "They are a people whose hearts are wrong, and they know not My ways."

95:11 Therefore I was indignant, and swore that they could not enter into My rest.

1 Corinthians 10:1 Brethren. I do not want you to be ignorant of this. For all our fathers were under the clouds, and all passed through the sea,

10:2 And they were all baptized into Moses in the clouds and in the sea.

10:3 And they all ate of the same spiritual food,

10:4 And they all drank of the same spiritual drink. 10:4 And they all drank of the same spiritual drink; that is, they drank from the rock of the spirit that followed them, and this rock was none other than Christ.

10:5 But the great multitude of them were destroyed in the wilderness, because they were not according to the will of God.

Numbers 20:7 And the LORD said to Moses, "You are the LORD's servant, and you are the LORD's servant, and you are the LORD's servant,

- 20:8 "Take thou a staff, and gather the congregation together with Aaron thy brother, and command the rock to bring forth water before his eyes. And you shall bring water out of the rock for them, and the congregation and their cattle shall drink.
- 20:9 And Moses took the rod that was before the LORD, as he was commanded.
- 20:10 And Moses gathered the congregation with Aaron before the rock, and said unto them, Hear, ye transgressors! Shall we bring water out of this rock for you?
- 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and smote the rock twice with his rod, and there came forth much water, and the congregation and their cattle drank together.
- 20:12 Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me and have not manifested My holiness before the people of Israel, you will not be able to bring this congregation into the land that I have given them.
- 20:13 This is the water of Meribah, and the Israelites contended with the Lord here, but he revealed his holiness in them.
- 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit is saying, / "If you have heard His voice today,
- 3:8 Let not your hearts be hardened, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when ye turned away from God.
- 3:9 Your fathers tried me there, and I was not able to save them,
- 3:10 And they saw my works forty years. Therefore I said to the people of that time: "Their hearts were always troubled, and they did not acknowledge my ways.
- 3:11 Then I was angry, and swore that I would not let them enter into my rest.

A people who had traveled only 300 km in a straight line, a journey that would have taken 40 years to complete even if they walked 10 km a day, a journey that would have taken them a month. Among them, the Bible describes the importance of moving forward without forgetting God, who guided the unheeding wanderers for 40 years without abandoning them.

Deuteronomy 8:1 All these commands which I command you today, you shall observe to do. Then you shall live and multiply, and you shall enter the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, and it shall be yours.

- 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way that the LORD thy God hath led thee in the wilderness these forty years. 8:3 And the LORD thy God was with thee in the wilderness, to afflict thee, and to try thee, that he might know thy heart, and whether thou wilt keep his commandments or not.
- 8:3 So the LORD afflicted thee, and made thee hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou

knewest not, neither did thy fathers know. 8:4 And he did it that thou mightest know that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD.

- 8:4 For forty years thy garments were not worn out, neither were thy feet healed.
- 8:5 Thou shalt also be mindful that the LORD thy God will train thee, as a man trains his son.
- 8:6 Thou shalt keep the command of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways, and fear him.
- 8:7 For the LORD thy God will bring thee into a good land. 8:7 For the LORD thy God will bring thee into a good land, a land of streams of water flowing out of valleys and mountains, of fountains and of pools,
- 8:8 A land of wheat, and barley, and grapes, and figs, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive trees, and honey,
- 8:9 A land where thou shalt have no lack of food to eat, and where there shall be no want. The stones of the land are iron, and from its mountains you can dig for copper.
- 8:10 And thou shalt eat, and be satisfied, and shalt give thanks unto the LORD thy God, that he hath given thee of his good land.
- 8:11 Thou shalt be careful not to forget the LORD thy God, lest thou keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which I command thee this day.
- 8:12 And thou shalt eat and be satisfied, and thou shalt build a beautiful house, and shalt dwell therein: and thou shalt not eat, neither shalt thou eat, nor be satisfied,
- 8:13 And when cattle and sheep shall multiply, and gold and silver shall increase, and all your possessions shall be multiplied
- 8:14 Perhaps your heart will be filled with pride, and you will forget the LORD your God. 8:14 And the LORD will lead thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
- 8:15 And he will lead thee through that great and dreadful wilderness, a dry land, wherein are serpents of fire and scorpions, and where there is no water; and he will bring water out of the hard rock for thee,
- 8:16 He made thee eat manna in the wilderness, which thy fathers knew not. 8:16 He made thee eat manna in the wilderness, which thy fathers knew not; that he might afflict thee, and try thee, and finally bring thee to misfortune.
- 8:17 Thou shalt not say in thine heart, 'By my own strength and by the work of my own hands I have obtained this wealth.
- 8:18 Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God. For he will give thee power to acquire riches, to make the covenant which he sware to thy fathers, as it is this day.
- 8:19 If thou forget the LORD thy God, and follow other gods, and serve them, and worship them--I warn thee this day, that thou shalt surely perish. --8:20 And I will surely destroy you, and I will surely destroy you, and I will surely destroy you.

8:20 And ye shall perish, as the peoples of the nations whom the LORD shall destroy from before you. 8:20 For ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God.

3:12 Brethren. Take heed, brethren. For there may be some among you who have turned away from the living God, having an evil heart of unbelief.

3:13 Exhort one another daily in the day, lest any of you fall into the deceitfulness of sin and harden your hearts.

For there is none of you who has an evil heart of unbelief, who turns away from the living God."

It is unbelievable that we should turn away from the living God, who loves us so much as to send us, to serve us, and to give His life as a ransom for us.

13 Exhort one another daily in this day, lest any of you fall into the deceitfulness of sin and harden your hearts.

1 Therefore, holy brethren who are in the heavenly calling. 1 Therefore, holy brethren who are partakers of the heavenly calling, remember Jesus, the Messenger and High Priest of faith, whom we confess, and do not be stiff-necked, but be filled with the spirit of the heavenly host.

Keep your hearts steadfast, holy brethren who are partakers of the heavenly calling, brethren who are gathered together "today," and keep your eyes on Jesus our High Priest. Do not let your hearts be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, lest you lose the confidence and hope of salvation.

3:14 For if we hold fast our first confidence to the end, we shall be partakers of Christ.

8 Let not your hearts be hardened, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when ye turned away from God.

Though you are in the wilderness, though the future is uncertain, though difficulties and insecurities lie ahead of you, do not harden your hearts in the day of trial in the wilderness. The Bible tells us that if we hold fast to our first confidence until the end, we will be partakers of Christ.

3:15 For it is said, "If ye have heard His voice this day, harden not your hearts, as when ye

turned away from God.

- 3:16 And who was it that heard and turned away? Was it not all the people who went out of Egypt, led by Moses?
- 3:17 And to whom did God live for forty years? Was it not to those who sinned and exposed their dead bodies in the wilderness?
- 3:18 And to whom did God swear that he would not let them enter my rest? Was it not to the disobedient?
- 3:19 Thus we see that it was because of unbelief that they could not enter.

the time of the readers of this Hebrews. Forty years have passed since Jesus returned to heaven. Forty years after the events of the Exodus. The people hardened their hearts and said, "16 Then who was it that heard and turned away? Was it not all the people who went out of Egypt, led by Moses?" All had hardened their hearts and were rejected through the trials in the wilderness, and under God's indignation, no one was condemned to rest. But for those Hebrews who had been rejected at every turn, salvation through Jesus, which far surpasses the salvation of Moses, was offered. And for 40 years after Jesus' return to heaven, the living God continued to provide a High Priest to redeem His disobedient people and to guide them so that no one would be left out of salvation.

- 6 As His Son, Christ was faithful to rule the house of God. If we hold fast to the end the confidence and the pride of our hope, we are the house of God.
- 8 Let not your hearts be hardened, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when ye turned away from God.
- 12 Take heed, brethren! 12 Take heed, brethren, lest your hearts be hardened. For there may be some among you who turn away from the living God, having an evil heart of unbelief.
- 13 Exhort one another daily in the day, lest any of you fall into the deceitfulness of sin, and harden your hearts.
- 14 For if we hold fast our first confidence to the end, we shall be partakers of Christ.
- 15 For it is said, "If ye have heard his voice this day, harden not your hearts, as when ye turned away from God.

Holy brothers and sisters in the heavenly calling, as we gather together in God's grace to reflect on Jesus our High Priest, how precious is this "today" when we can humble our hearts, praise God's plan of salvation in His Son Jesus, and find His grace, work, and hope in the wilderness. How precious it is! We are to look to Jesus, the High Priest full of comfort and

mercy, who far surpasses the miracles of the Exodus, who surpasses Moses, who continues to work even after 40 years, even after 2000 years, without doubting the Lord in the midst of the trials of the wilderness, and to hold fast the confidence and pride of our hope to the end, and not to be disbelieving, and not to be living in unbelief. And let no one be disobedient, nor turn away from the living God, nor fall into the deceitfulness of sin, nor harden his heart, but let us encourage one another day by day in the "today" time. 9 And your forefathers were not like those of your fathers, but they were like those of your fathers.

9 Your fathers tried me there, and I was not found worthy to be saved, 10 And they saw my works forty years.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you that Jesus, the Creator of the world, who is greater than the angels and greater than Moses, intercedes for us as our High Priest, sacrificing his own life to bring us into the rest of salvation. Our days sometimes seem like a wandering journey in the wilderness, and we are always next to anxiety, but may we not be like the Israelites who tested the Lord in the wilderness and had their hearts hardened, but may we keep our confidence and hope in the living God, and may we hold fast to our first confidence until the end, O gracious intercessor! Please protect us so that we may always think of Jesus, our High Priest. Bless our families and the people of our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.