

Deeper Life Notes

“New Year’s Encouragement” (Hebrews 3:1-15)

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WARM UP

Do you have any New Year’s Resolutions? ... How will you accomplish them?

**New Year’s Encouragement is a family affair!*

READ

Hebrews 3:1-15

Three New Year’s Encouragements

1. Let’s keep Christ _____¹ Christmas! (vv.1-6)

“holy brothers and sisters, who share in a heavenly calling” (see Hebrews 1:3, 2:11)

→ For whom might you be **holy** this year? (special, set apart, unique in their journey)

*Jesus: “**apostle**”* (see Matthew 10:40, 15:24, Mark 9:37, Luke 10:16, Galatians 4:4)
and “**high priest** of our confession” (see Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:19-20, 10:19-25, 11:14-16, 12:22-24)

“Hebrews depicts the Christian life as a pilgrimage of following Jesus into God’s presence.”²

“For Jesus is considered worthy of more glory than Moses...”

(v.3, also see Numbers 12:5-8, Deuteronomy 18:15-18)

→ Who is a “**Moses**” for you, a spiritual hero who also points you to Jesus?

¹ after

¹ George H. Guthrie, *The NIV Application Commentary: Hebrews*

2. Let's hear God _____³ ! (vv.7-11 -- Psalm 95:7-11)

*In addition to Psalm 95, **Numbers 12-14** are the Old Testament background of these verses...

“The Holy Spirit will use the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church (other believers) to guide us.”⁴

→ *What is God speaking to you **today**? And **how** is He speaking?*

3. Let's _____⁵ for each other! (vv.12-15)

En - a prefix forming verbs with the general sense “to cause (a person or thing) to be in” the place, condition, or state named by the stem. **Courage** - the ability to do something that frightens/strength in the face of pain or grief.

*To “**en-courage**” is to put someone in the condition of courage!

→ *What are two purposes of encouragement?* (see Hebrews 3:13b & 10:24-25)

*Those who hold faith firm to the end = **God's household** (v.6) & **participants in Christ** (v.14)

“Perseverance does not gain salvation but demonstrates the reality of salvation.”⁶ (see Romans 8:9,17)

³ today

⁴ Blackaby & King, *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*

⁵ watch out

⁶ Guthrie, *Hebrews*