

# THE GRASSHOPPER PEOPLE

## HEBREWS 3:7-11

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**BACKGROUND:** This is the second warning in Hebrews and it is against the sin of unbelief. The first warning is found in Chapter 2:1-3. The Old Testament background can be seen in Numbers 13 and 14. This lesson is about deliverance from slavery and the unbelief which fantasizes over the former slave life and causes God's rest to be missed. Missing His rest is characterized by grumbling and complaining and is the religion of "I".

***DON'T KNOW GOD'S VOICE.*** Today grasshopper people refuse to put their faith in Jesus to be born again and therefore cannot hear or understand the Holy Spirit's divine inspiration. Unbelief is self-idolization with determination to stay in control of one's life. "Unbelief never has enough proof." John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Hebrews, p. 89. (**Hebrews 3:7, 8, fn 3:7-15, Numbers 13:30-14:11, fn 14:5-9, Psalm 95:1-11, fn 95:8[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 95:11, Romans 1:16, 17, fn 1:17, Galatians 2:19-21, fn 2:21, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:12, 13**) *How are you like a grasshopper person sometimes, and how will you let God's grace change you?*

***DON'T KNOW GOD'S PRESENCE.*** Evidence of God, who makes the simplest of cells and also the massive universe, can be clearly seen and His presence can be comprehended by your heartfelt request, "Lord, I want to know more about You." It is then that God will begin to reveal Himself to you for He desires to make Himself known. As you study and believe His Word, the reality of His presence and His ways will be revealed to you. (**Hebrews 3:9, 10, Romans 8:34-39, fn 8:35-39, John 14:6-21, fn 14:6[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 14:19-21, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6**) *How do you experience the reality of God's presence?*

***DON'T KNOW GOD'S REST.*** Grasshopper people want to go back to their old lifestyle. They don't realize that their unwillingness to follow Jesus is damning their present and future lives. But to you, a believer in Jesus, God's rest (spiritual) is **given** at your salvation. By His grace He enables you to **experience it** as you forsake those things that are behind and follow Him. Those former things pale in comparison to following Jesus! As you follow (trust and obey) Him, you will experience God's peace, contentment, and assurance of eternal security. (**Hebrews 3:11, fn 3:11, John 14:27, fn 14:27, Hebrews 13:5, fn 13:5, 6, Philippians 3:13, 14, Philippians 4:11-13, fn 4:12, 13**) *How does "hearing" God's voice and experiencing His presence give you His rest?*

*As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?*

