

# “Today”

Heb. 3:7-15; 4:7

## Introduction:

- A. Many plan to start doing better, *but not today*.
  - 1. Non-Christians plan to become Christians, but not today.
  - 2. Unfaithful Christians plan to become faithful, but not today.
  - 3. Lukewarm Christians plan to become more active, but not today.
  - 4. Like Jews in days of Haggai (Hag. 1:2-4).
- B. Many good reasons for getting right with God “while it is called ‘today’” (cf. v. 13):

## Discussion:

### I. The Frailty of Our Lives.

- A. A fact emphasized by vivid metaphors.
  - 1. Vapor. (Jas. 4:13-17)
  - 2. Flower. (Jas. 1:9-11; Job. 14:2)
  - 3. Breath. (Psa. 78:39).
  - 4. Sigh. (Psa. 90:9-10 NKJ, ASV)
- B. A fact illustrated by vivid examples.
  - 1. Rich fool. (Lk. 12:16-21).
  - 2. Widow’s young son. (Lk. 7:12-14).
- C. A fact observed by daily experience.

### II. The Coming of Our Lord.

- A. Do not know the hour. (Matt. 24:36-44; 25:1-13)
- B. Will come as a thief in night. (1 Thess. 5:1-4; 2 Pet. 3:10-14).

### III. The Searing of Our Consciences.

- A. Today conscience still sensitive - may not be so later. (1 Tim. 4:2).
- B. Today willing to hear God’s voice - may not later. (Heb. 3:7, 12,13).
- C. Today can still cease from sin -may not be able to later. (2 Pet. 2:14)

### IV. The Amount of Our Service.

- A. Every passing day equals one less day to serve the Lord.
- B. Every passing day equals one less day to influence others to serve.
- C. Every passing day equals one less to day to enjoy blessings of faithful Christians.
  - 1. The joy of salvation. (cf. Psa. 51:12; Acts 8:39; 16:34)
  - 2. The peace that passes understanding. (Phil. 4:7,9)
  - 3. The contentment of a Christian. (Phil. 4:11-13)
  - 4. The fellowship with God and saints. (1 John. 1:1-4).
  - 5. The hope of heaven.(Rom. 12:12; Heb. 6:19).

## Conclusion:

- A. Poem: “Tomorrow”.
- B. Why not act “while it called “today””?

He was going to be all that a mortal should be  
tomorrow  
No one would be better than he  
tomorrow  
Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write  
tomorrow  
It was too bad indeed he was too busy to see Bill,  
but he promised to do it  
tomorrow  
The greatest of workers this man would have been  
tomorrow  
The world would have known him had he ever seen  
tomorrow  
But the fact is he died and faded from view, and all  
that was left when living was through  
Was a mountain of things he intended to do.  
tomorrow

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