



## Build Your Own House and Set the Alarms

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Text: Hebrews 3:4 (NKJV)

4 For **every house is built by someone**, but He who built all things is God. 5 And **Moses indeed was faithful in all His house** as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 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.

**Big Question:** What kind of culture are you building and what kind of alarms does it have?

- **Culture Defined:** Culture is a farming word that implies cultivating of the soil
- “Culture is the characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, encompassing language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and arts. The word "culture" derives from a French term, which in turn derives from the Latin "colere," which means to tend to the earth and grow, or cultivation and nurture.”

Source: <https://www.livescience.com/21478-what-is-culture-definition-of-culture.html>

### I. Four Questions About Your Approach to Building

1. What kind of house have **you** built? (Can you name what you are building in your life?)
2. What kind of house have **we** built? (What crop is growing in your soil?)
3. What kind of house **were we supposed to build?** (What did you start doing and never finish?)
4. What kind of house **do we normally build?**

**Answer:** Generally, we build based on our cultural convictions and values

### II. The Wrong and the Right Approach to Building

1. Hearing is the **right** approach (v7)
2. Hardening and Rebelling is the **wrong** approach (v8)
3. Learning from the failures of others is the **right** approach (v9-11)
  - 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will **hear** His voice,
  - 8 Do not **harden** your hearts as in the **rebellion**, In the day of trial in the wilderness,
  - 9 Where **your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.** 10 Therefore **I was angry with that generation**, And said, ‘**They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.**’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”



**Note: God's response to their attitude**

- A. They tested me (v9)
- B. They saw my works (v9)
- C. I was angry with that generation (v10)
- D. They always go astray (v10)
- E. They have not known my ways (v10)
- F. They shall not enter My rest (v11)

**Conclusion:**

### **III. The Warning Alarms to All Builders**

#### **A. Beware of what can grow in your heart**

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

#### **B. Beware of the consequences for rebelling**

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "**Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.**"

**16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?**

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

**Next Time: Building When Life Seems Unfair**

**Read Ahead: Job 1-2; 42**