

## **Three Failing A's of Hebrews** **12-22-13**

### **ATHEISM Point #1 – God expects us to believe Him - Hebrews 3:12-19**

In our world, the term we use to describe someone who does not believe in God is ATHEIST. The Hebrews writer says that one who calls themselves a Christian can have a heart of unbelief. An example of this is Moses in Numbers 20:7-12. When he struck the rock instead of speaking to the rock, God rejected him for not believing. Disobedience then is a manner of unbelief; we do not believe what God says enough to obey Him.

God expects us to believe Him. This means we do things His way, not our own. It means that we obey the things He has given us. If we do things our way, we risk perishing as the Israelites and Moses did, for our unbelief.

### **AGNOSTICISM Point #2 – God expects us to know Him - Hebrews 5:12-14**

The word that we use to refer to someone who does not know enough about God is AGNOSTIC. Literally, it means “no knowledge”. God has said *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”* (Hosea 4:6)

God expects us to know Him, and to know His will for us. This is the Word of God, given to us in the Bible. Ignorance is a choice when it comes to God’s word; it is a choice that condemns us.

### **APATHY Point #3 – God expects us to care - Hebrews 2:1-3**

The word we use to describe the absence of care is APATHETIC. A-Pathetic, or being uncaring, is both a very common sin and a very weighty one. Consider what the Hebrew writer said here about apathy, which he calls “counting the blood of the covenant a common thing”: *“Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”* (Hebrews 10:29).

God DESPISES apathy, as He revealed to the Laodiceans in Revelation 3. Too many people just don’t care about God, and will not respond as they ought. It is a terrible thing to be blessed with salvation, but then lose it because we do not cherish it.