

March 3 Answers

- 1) Rebellion at the Border. Israel came to the border of the land God had promised them, only to turn away in **fear** and despair. How could they have experienced the mighty miracles in Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the fire and thunder of Mount Sinai, the glorious cloud of God's presence, and yet still be so afraid that they threatened to **stone** Moses and Aaron? The answer is found in **Hebrews**: "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, **unbelieving** heart, leading you to fall away from the living God" (Heb 3:12). People can be surrounded by God's presence and yet still doubt His word and question His commands. What can we do to avoid such a heart? "**Exhort** one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be **hardened** by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb 3:13). Mutual **admonition** and **accountability** is the key to guarding our hearts against unbelief. We need to be warning and encouraging our fellow believers every day.