

Hebrews Chapter 4

The Believer's Rest

**We have heard the joyful sound - Jesus
Saves!**

**We have believed the good news!
We must continue in belief to enter the
rest.**

Let us draw near to God!

Heb 4:1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

it is possible for the Christian to miss that
eternal rest

Gal 5:4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Heb 4:2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

Gospel = good news of Christ

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

What was their “gospel (good news)?
They had the promise of Christ!

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Deu 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

They did not believe

Jn 5:39-40 You search the Scriptures
because you think that in them you
have eternal life; and it is they that
bear witness about me, (40) yet you
refuse to come to me that you may
have life.

To be united by faith, we must be obedient.

Joh 12:42-43 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; (43) for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Heb 4:3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Joh 9:4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

Heb 4:4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." 5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

How long is the day in which God rested from His work of creation?

From Gen 2.2 till time is no more!

Heb 4:6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,

Rom 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Luk 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luk 8:12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Heb 4:7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Act 24:25 And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."

Act 26:28 And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

God softens hard hearts

Act 26:14-15 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' (15) And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

Joshua in all major versions but KJV incorrectly Jesus

Heb 4:8-9 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. (9) So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

This is Not the rest of Joshua's time (the Israelite Sabbath), but an eternity with God

If Joshua had led them to rest no reason for David to prophesy concerning rest by one to come.

Heb 4:10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Heb 10:12-13 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

**The disobedient will not enter the
rest.**

**We have not yet entered that rest –
it remains for us to enter (heaven)**

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

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1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Psa 139:8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! (9) If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, (10) even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Heb 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Rom 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

Mt 4.3-5 desire of the flesh – turn these stones into bread

Mt 4.5-6 pride of life – throw yourself down

Mt 4.8-10 desire of the flesh – you can have all the kingdoms of the world.

1Pe 2:22 He committed no sin,
neither was deceit found in his
mouth.

Heb 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Act 2:30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

Rev 22:3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

There is mercy in coming to that rest

Mat 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Heb 12:28 Therefore let us be
grateful for receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken, and thus let us
offer to God acceptable worship, with
reverence and awe,

Have you done that?