

## Resting By Faith 2020-11-22

### Hebrews 4:8-13

*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, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.*

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

*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. 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.*

3:7-4:13 Warning unbelieving heart prevents from entering God's rest.

- Rest lost when Adam & Eve did not believe God but Satan lies. Genesis 3:8-11
  - God had predetermined men would enter back into His rest by faith.

Faith/belief key to enter rest so unbelief reason not enter rest. Hebrews 4:1-2, 6, Genesis 15:5-6

- heard good news—God merciful, forgives sins, promises rest/joy if trust him.
  - Not full-blown gospel but good news of salvation rest by faith in God's promises they failed to believe/act upon so not enter God's rest.
    - Even in Old Testament, salvation rest based on faith not works.
- Canaan, promised land pic of rest God offers thru faith in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 4:8-10
  - not physical rest like thru Moses/Joshua but superior spiritual rest in Jesus.
    - Eternal rest with the Lord in heaven (promised land) where all weariness burdens lifted. Revelation 21:3-4, Romans 5:1

God's rest = at peace with God like Adam & Eve before sin because sins forgiven, debt paid.

- New relationship with God where we depend on His grace and power for life, godliness, everything.
  - resting from works to earn God's favor and resting securely on Jesus' finished work for you....pictured in 7<sup>th</sup> day of creation. Hebrews 4:3-4
- Jesus took care of sin issue so may enter back into God's rest by faith.
  - Jesus Christ the living Word will judge if entered His rest thru faith. Hebrews 4:11-13

Enter God's rest when believe in Jesus Christ. That's a positional fact.

- saving faith effortless in one sense but requires perseverance in another.
  - Rest from works to earn salvation but yet diligent to enter God's rest.

In Script faith/obedience interchangeably used.

- True saving faith results in a life of obedience to God.
  - Not sinless perfection but strive against sin. Hebrews 12:4, Matthew 11:28-30
- “resting” in Jesus not absence of activity/work but absence of trust in one’s own abilities/strength by striving in power of flesh to live holy life.
  - Diligently live in power of Holy Spirit by resting/abiding in Jesus Christ.

Rest from working to earn salvation, rest from striving in flesh to live holy and rest from fear and worry in midst of trials and tribulations.

- If at peace with God then able to be at peace with others and in midst trials.
  - inner peace/rest comes when trust in God’s sovereignty, power and promises to help, guide, care in trials. Matthew 6:25-34
- Many look for rest/peace in all wrong places. Politicians, \$, vacations
  - Temporary rest (Canaan) but peace in any circumstances only from God!

Have choice: Worry or trust God and find rest in His sovereignty, power and promises.

- Rest God offers is satisfying, joyful, fulfilling and peaceful now and deep, ultimate, eternal rest in future. Revelation 14:13
  - Those who enter God’s rest, now and future, do so by faith.