

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 4:1-10

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!” – Part 3

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

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Hebrews 4:1-10

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3

For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: *“So I swore in My wrath, ‘they shall not enter My rest,’”* although the works were finished from the foundation of the world....

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: *“And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”*; 5 and again in this place: *“They shall not enter My rest.”* 6

Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, *“Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”* 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 *There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.* 10 For he (us)

who has entered His rest has himself (us) also ceased from his works as God did from His.

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”

1.) Because God made you a promise

vs. 1-2

1a.) A promise to offer you rest

vs. 1

1b.) A promise to reach you with the Gospel

vs. 2a

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”
Because God Made You A Promise.

1c.) A promise to tell you the truth

vs. 2b

Verse 2b

2b but the word which they heard did not profit them,
not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

profit

grk: opheleo

(did not) benefit, (did not) do good, (did not) accomplishing,
(did not) helped, (did not) value. (did not) result in progress.

heard

grk: akouo

to hear proclaimed, preached, to be within the realm or area of
being able to hear what is being announced. (hearing what is
being proclaimed but not listening to it)

mixed

grk: sugkerannumi

to blend together until mixed, to make one with or unified, made
homogenous, of one composition. (biblical unity)

Please - turn in your Bibles to...

Matthew 13:1-23

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: “Hearing you will hear and shall not understand and seeing you

will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the Sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

"On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!"

2.) Because God gave you a gift

vs. 3-5

2a.) It's free but not cheap

vs. 3

Verse 3

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:
"So I swore in My wrath, 'they shall not enter My rest,'" although
the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

There is a rest available for our human soul.

**Please forgive me in advance when I say this but,
it's possible that those of you who have been struggling with the rest of God
for decades now, may just well keep on struggling because of unbelief!**

But to those of you who are the next generation, you're filled with unbelief.
You've been conditioned to not believe (except in the wrong stuff) you are the
ones that I want to make sure hear this...

You've got to be exhausted.
You've got to be weary and at the point of giving up.
Have you ever thought {why} your generation is such
a "Suicidal Generation" of feelings and fears?

A Personal Plea to Those Adrift

(1) It's because nothing you've tried works. And Tragically for many of
you (2) it's your own family - your mom or dad who have been Horrible
Christian examples. (3) It could be your Teachers who have been
more social engineers than educators and now you have "Zero" respect
for them. (4) The authorities in your life have let you down. – So
what's left for you?

Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV

Come to Me, all you 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."

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

"On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!"

Because God Gave You A Gift.

2b.) It's right here but you must take it

vs. 4-5

Verse 4-5

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; 5 and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-2

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Meaning to be finished with a task and to be satisfied with it.

Rest

heb. shabath

to cease as in to stop, to make an end to,
to repose as in a state of leisure.

To complete something and then to repose before it.

To look at a job well done and to be glad about it!

For some 40 years the children of Israel, having left Egypt

under the protection, power and visible providence of God, failed
to “stay with Him” or to “Rest in His Abilities” to do what He said.

When we do not trust Him to do as He has said,

We’re not only offending Him, but we’re declaring Him to be impotent,
and unable to keep His word.

Here’s the Amazing Thing;

Israel was commanded to Trust Him from the moment they encountered
Him. Their rest in Him should have only gotten more restful.

The Christian should be in a state of Ease.

Wherever we **walk** in our lives - every day we - should be possessing a greater
peace / calm / rest as we move along toward home...

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”

3.) Because God stands at the door

vs. 6-10

Excerpts are now brought out from Psalm 95,
A psalm attributed to King David

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”
Because God Stands at The Door.

3a.) He extends His offer to you

vs. 6-7a

Verse 6-7a

Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day,

Notice the Great Separation, there is both a rest now to be had but the future rest is the life we have on the other side of physical death.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

The Promised Land in Total

<http://www.wellsbiblestudy.com/map1.jpg>

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”
Because God Stands at The Door.

3b.) He waits patiently for you

vs. 7b-10

Verse 7b

7b saying in David,
*“Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said:
“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”*

Revelation 3:14-20

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked - 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in

the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me.

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”

Because God Stands at The Door.

3c.) He desires to be with you

vs. 8-10

Verse 8-10

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 *There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.* 10 For he (us) who has entered His rest has himself (us) also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Ceased

grk: katapauo

to bring a cause or to have the reason why you are to cease, rest, relax, resort in Him.

So is true Believing Faith active or at rest – Yes!

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

This benefit is completely independent from circumstances and situations. It is what history has recorded among the saints of God throughout the world, those who lived under the most horrific surroundings.

It is possible that right now you find yourself of a broken heart...

Maybe you find yourself feeling very alone in this world...

Perhaps it looks as though all have turned their back on you...

Joshua 1:5-9

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all

the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

“His rest is this, that we must do our utmost to combine the hearing of the Gospel with true genuine faith - that is, belief equals rest (being a singular act). In the midst of life’s uneven seas, we are called, as was for the early church to believe in the mighty God of the Exodus, He who parted seas brought forth water from the rock and fed His people with Manna. Even more - we are to believe in the Bread of Heaven who gave His life for us and rose from the dead ascended to God in mighty power. Do we believe that our God is such a God? Do we believe it with all our hearts? We must make every effort to do so! Finally, can we add to this belief trust? This was the bottom line for the wavering church. Would they trust God to take care of them?

There is no rest in this life without trust in Him.”

Dr. R. Kent Hughes

End of Study

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