

“Don’t Miss this REST”

Heb 4:1-13

I. Understanding the Warning

In Your own words: _____

II. Undertaking the Invitation

A) Entering into God’s Rest
2 Corinthians 4:17-18

B) Taking Advantage of God’s Rest
John 8:24-25

“God’s rest has remained open to his people since the work of creation was finished, but it will be forfeited by disobedience.” FF Bruce

C) The Importance of Faith in Rest
Psalm 106:23-24

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

D) Possible Connections in Rest

III. Underscoring Fresh Application

A) Judgment is sure, but Hope is Eternal

• If Grace is still available for the unbeliever how much more _____!
[unbeliever] Romans 10:9; [believer] Revelation 7:16-17

- 1) Write down a promise & _____!
- 2) Read God’s Word

B) Your Response Matters

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

- 1) Unbelief
 - a) Hardened heart towards God
 - b) Hardened heart towards other people
- 2) Today means _____!

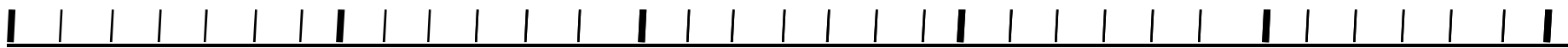
C) God’s Rest is Waiting

- Think on Christ’s _____.
Matthew 11:28-30 John 14:2-3
- Think on _____.
- Think on _____.

Quotes

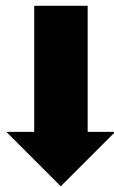
“The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly.” — Søren Kierkegaard, *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard*

“Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel.” — Corrie ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*



~ 1446 BC

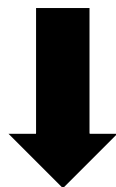
Moses & the Exodus
(1st & 2nd generation)
1st generation failed to enter promise land & died in desert (unbelief)



Joshua & Israel enter the Promised Land.
(~ 1406 BC)

~ 1000 BC

Psalm 95 Written
(* see vv. 7-11 below)



While living in Promise Land author of Ps 95 recalls Moses' time & urges listeners to not harden their ♥ and prompts them to obey and trust.

~ 30 AD

Jesus & the Cross



Jesus, perfectly keeps covenant, succeeding where Israel failed & enters heavenly rest of God, paving the way for Christians to enter God's eternal rest.

~ 68 AD

Letter to the Hebrews Written
(author quotes Psalm 95 vv. 7-11)



Preacher recalls both Exodus generation & generation of Ps 95 & reminds hearers that God's rest is still open and the people should respond today & not fail to enter because of stubbornness and unbelief.

2015 AD

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We should continue to strive as a congregation to rejoice in God's salvation rest & look forward to God's eternal rest, urging everyone not to harden their ♥ & forfeit the promise.

* **Psalm 95:7-11** ... Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." ¹¹Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."