

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“How to Find the Rest You Really Crave” – Pt. 2**

**“Jesus is Greater” - Pt. 11**

Hebrews 4:11-13 & Selected

### **If I am to Find True Rest...**

#### **I. I will benefit from the mistakes of those who failed to enter the Promised Land!**

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

*“For good news came to us just as to them, but the message (logos) they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.” Vs. 2*

See Numbers 14:1-45

#### **Guaranteed Recipe for Failure:**

**To know the Word of God and choose to do otherwise!**

*“Everyone then who hears these words (logos) of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words (logos) of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Matthew 7:24-27*

## II. God's word will be utilized as the perfect compass to guide my pilgrimage to the Promised Land!

*"For the word (logos) of God..."* Vs. 12a

### God's Word...

- **Is my most effective guide to the Promised Land.**

*"For the word of God is living and active..."* Vs. 12a

- **Is my most powerful guide to the Promised Land.**

*"...sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow."* Vs 12b

*"...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word (rhema) of God."* Ephesians 6:17

- **Is my most critical guide to the Promised Land.**

*"...discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* Vs. 12c

*"But be doers of the word (logos), and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like."* James 1:22-24

- **Is my most inescapable guide to the Promised Land.**

*"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."*

Vs. 13