

A study desk with a scroll, a lit candle, a chalice, and glasses. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm glow from the candle and a chalice in the background. The desk is cluttered with papers, a scroll, and a pair of glasses. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet study and reflection.

# A Study In Hebrews

- Jesus, The High Priest and The Word
- Hebrews 4



# Quick Review

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- We should take the Word's of Jesus over all things because **Jesus > All**. (Heb.1)
- We should not neglect the salvation of Christ because **Jesus > Death** (Heb.2)
- We should exhort one another for Christ's sake, for the Gospel, this is why we have come because **Gospel > Slavery** (Heb.3)



Heb 4:1-5 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. (2) For unto us was the gospel preached, **as well as unto them:** but the word preached **did not profit them**, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. (3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (4) For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. (5) And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest.

## Another Therefore...

- Yet another therefore... but this time we are going back to...

Heb 3:16-19 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. (17) But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? (18) And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? (19) So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

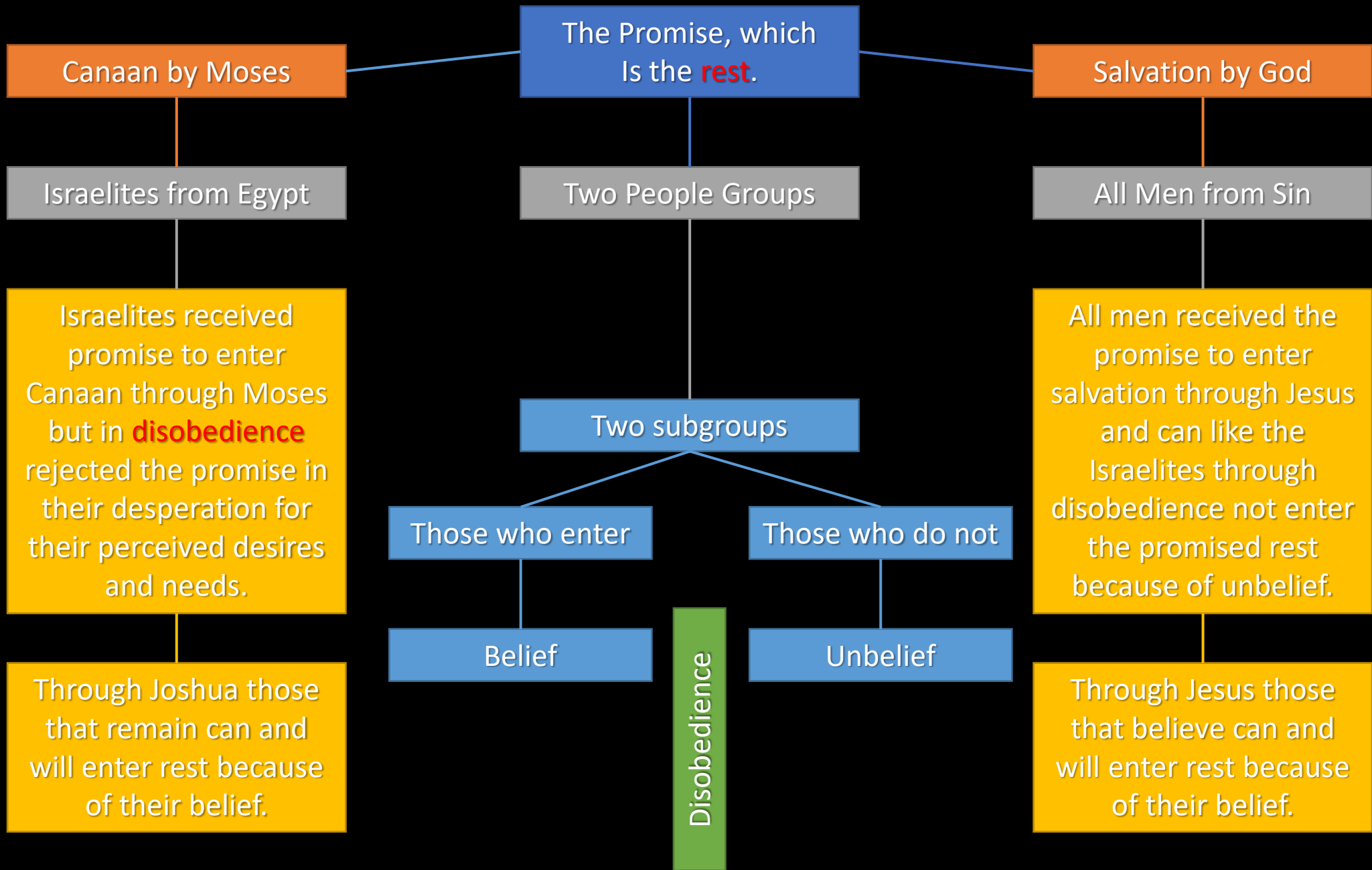
- Don't be that person, the one who doubts, the unbeliever.
- The who does not enter God's rest.
- What rest?
  - Peace that comes from faith, release of worry and doubt.
  - Peace and rest that comes from lack of fear of death. Rest at death and the grave from work and toil.
  - Rest for body and soul at time of resurrection and ultimate glorification.



Heb 4:6-11 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: (7) Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (8) For if **Jesus** had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. (9) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. (11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

## The Dichotomy of peoples...

- The core concepts here are the idea of rest and the fact that the writer is comparing two people's circumstances of entering that rest.
- In all of this really deep writing what is the point?
- How exactly does all of this lay out so that we can understand it?
- Why Jesus and Joshua in Verse 8?





# Therefore... again...

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

- Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
- Because there is this great salvation and rest for others that we have attained let us labor to show our faith so that they will not fall to unbelief.



# The Word of God...

Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God (That is Christ, not the Bible) *is* quick (Living not fast), and powerful (Active, energetic not still and docile), and sharper (to strike repeatedly as if to hack) than any twoedged (References Isa. 49:2) sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Isa 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;





# Penetrating, dividing...

- Soul and Spirit
  - Soul- Breath of life, quickened by the spirit of God and born again.
  - Spirit- (Thayer) personality, rational spirit, consciousness.
  - The deepest layer of cut listed first because it is how we determine the other two.
- Joints and Marrow
  - The Word of God is so powerful that it can physically change us.
  - Walk, talk, dress etc. etc.
  - Secondary to Soul and Spirit because we must rationalize this through spiritual lens penetrated by God.
- Thoughts and intents
  - Critical discernment, using the word of God to create good biblical philosophies
  - Also our motives and why we do what we do.



Heb 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest (Jesus Christ, The Word \*John 1\*), that is passed into the heavens (Ascended), Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast (take hold of, grip) *our* profession. (That Jesus is the High Priest, the Word, and the bringing of our rest) (15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. (Gave himself to be tried as we so that he could demonstrate He relates to us.) (16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (This is an allusion to the Mercy seat and the holiest of holies whom Christ is now through his death the mediator of.)

- We come to His throne to obtain mercy (Not receiving what we do deserve) Divine favor and need for forgiveness.
- We come to His throne to find Grace (Receiving what we do not deserve) His attention and encouragement, His love and exhortation, His guidance through the spirit.
- Time of need? First Salvation, then every trial and diverse temptation.

We find Rest in Peace in the Great High Priest Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, correcting us and changing us. "Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." Heb. 4:11

**Jesus the High Priest > All**

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