

THE WARNING OF THE FAITH-REST LIFE (Hebrews 3:7-4:1)

A. The BACKGROUND to HEBREWS You Need to Know.

B. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed. (2:1-4, 3:7-19, 5:11-6:12, 10:19-39, 12:14-29)

1. Do not _____ mentally from your Savior and His so great salvation through _____ of Him. (2:1-4)
2. Do not harden your heart through _____ in _____ from your focus and fellowship with Jesus Christ in the _____ you are facing. (3:7-19)
 - a. The *implications* of the previous exhortation (3:1-6) and introduction of this warning (3:7-19) is underscored by the word _____. (3:7a)
 - b. The *Old Testament reference* for this warning is _____ which has a context of corporate worship, remembering that God is your shepherd and you are His sheep. (3:7b)
 - c. The *content* of this warning is: Do not _____. (3:8a)
 - d. The *process* of hardening your heart involves ongoing negative _____ and _____ in the face of hearing the Word of God amidst the trials of life.
 - e. The *historical illustration* of the hardening of the heart was in _____, in the day of _____ in the wilderness. (3:8b - 11)
What 3 things did this involve?
 - f. The *practical applications* of this second exhortation and warning are ... (3:12-19)
 - 1) God wants you to take this warning _____... "Beware, brethren". (3:12a)
 - 2) God wants you to take this warning _____... "lest there be in any of you". (3:12b)
 - 3) God wants you to recognize the bottom-line failure in your Christian walk involves "an _____ of _____." (3:12c)
 - 4) God wants you to realize that a failure to walk by faith in the Lord and His promises results in _____ in your fellowship with Him. (3:12d)
 - 5) God wants believers to _____ when the opportunity arises to help prevent another from being _____ through the _____ of sin. (3:13)
 - 6) God wants us to be a _____ as we walk by faith and _____ the beginning of our _____ steadfast till the _____. (3:14)
 - 7) God wants us to learn from the Exodus generation _____ to not _____ by means of _____. (3:15-19)

C. The EXHORTATION to ENTER & ENJOY the FAITH-REST LIFE TODAY. (4)

1. The *subject* of this chapter revolves around the _____. Where is this found in the passage and what 2 Greek words communicate this?
2. The *meaning* of “rest” involves ... _____ of work or labor; freedom from worries or anxieties; sense of confidence, peace, and inner stability involving _____ upon someone or something.
 - What is this ‘rest’ referring to in this context?
 - a) It is not _____. {Due to context; they were already believers; also 1 John 5:13; and 2 Tim.2:13}
 - b) It is not _____. {Due to context, and a correct understanding of Canaan land.}
 - c) It is not the _____. {Due to context & that entrance is being offered now, not later.}
 - d) It is the daily _____ - _____ in which the believer walks by faith in dependence upon God and enjoys inner peace, joy, stability, etc. as the Lord fights his battles, carries his burdens, directs his path, energizes his service, produces fruit through him, etc.
 - Why is this the day to day ‘rest’ of the Christian walk by grace through faith?
 - 1) It is being _____ offered to them to be _____.
 - 2) It can be entered _____, without waiting for some future time.
 - 3) It was available to be entered to the _____ Exodus generation, thus nullifying _____ and the Millennial Kingdom.
 - 4) It is entered by _____, not by sight – which will be true of Heaven and the Millennial Kingdom on Earth.
 - Why is this important to remember? Just like with our justification before God or positional sanctification, this daily rest walk and practical sanctification cannot be _____ out or _____ by our self-efforts and living by law.
3. The *provider* of this “rest” is _____. (4:1b) Why is this important to remember? Because just like with our justification before God or positional sanctification, this daily rest and practical sanctification cannot be _____ out or _____ by our self-efforts and living by law.
4. The *warning* is for us to _____ (be deeply concerned about } a failure to _____ of daily _____ into God’s rest. (4:1c, 3, 5, 10) What is the implication of verse 1 regarding believers in Christ? It is _____ that a believer in Christ who has entered into salvation rest through faith alone in Christ alone [peace with God] may _____ to enter into sanctification/submission rest in their daily walk [the peace of God], and thus, not be _____ to the Lord. In fact, this possibility was _____ for these Hebrew Christians in light of their present pressure and persecution.
 - How does apply to you today?