

THE CONTEXT OF THE FAITH-REST LIFE (Hebrews 3 & 4)

- Do you understand the 2 different “rests” that God is offering to you by His grace? (Matt.11:28-30)

#1: The rest of **SALVATION** is offered to the unsaved by God’s grace through one decision to place your **FAITH** in **JESUS CHRIST** alone apart from religious works and traditions. This changes your **ETERNAL DESTINY** and **RELATIONSHIP** with God forever. This results in possessing _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

#2: The rest of the **FAITH-REST** life is through repeated decisions to **TRUST** the Lord and **YIELD** to Him moment by moment in your daily issues and trials of life. This transforms you internally and affects your **FELLOWSHIP** with God in time. This results in enjoying the _____ through faith-resting in Him.

- Did you know there is a “rest” for believers in the 3rd tense of salvation? (Rev. 14:13)

A. The **BACKGROUND** to **HEBREWS** You Need to Know.

1. The *writer* of Hebrews is _____, though ultimately it was the _____.

- Why is the writer not Paul but perhaps an associate of Paul?
- Who are the suggested options as the human author?
- But at the end of the day, what must we remember? (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

2. The *recipients* of Hebrews were _____ not the **UNSAVED** (3:1; 4:1; 6:1,9; 10:19, 39; 12:1; 13:22) involving extensive quoting from the OT (37x). Does this matter? Why is this important to properly discern?

3. The *date* of Hebrews is approximately _____, while the **TEMPLE** and defunct **PRIESTHOOD** and **SACRIFICES** were still in existence. How do we know this?

4. The *theme* of Hebrews is the _____ of Jesus Christ. (1:1-3)

JESUS CHRIST ...

- 1) Is **BETTER** than the **PROPHETS** (1:1-3)
 - 2) Is **BETTER** than the **ANGELS** (1:4-2:18)
 - 3) Is **BETTER** than **MOSES** {3:1-4:13}
 - 4) Has a **BETTER** **PRIESTHOOD** than Aaron’s (4:14-7:28)
 - 5) Has a **BETTER** **NEW COVENANT** than the **OLD** {8:1-13}
 - 6) Has a **BETTER** **SANCTUARY** in Heaven {9:1-15}
 - 7) Offered a **BETTER** **SACRIFICE** than any other {9:16-10:18}
- Therefore ... “let us”

5. The *problem* being addressed in Hebrews is centered on significant _____ directed to these believers by the Jewish community and the imminent danger of their _____ to Rabbinical Judaism. (Heb. 10:32-39; 13:7-14)

6. The *purpose* of Hebrews is to demonstrate the _____ so as to challenge believers to _____, _____, and _____ sufferings in the face of tremendous pressure to cave in and not persevere in the faith.

A. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed. (2:1-3, 3:12-13, 4:1-11, 6:1-8, 10:19-31, 12:14-17, 12:25-29, 13:4-6)

1. Do not _____ mentally from your _____ and His so great SALVATION through NEGLECT 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: _____. (3:8a)

d) The *process* of hardening your heart involves ongoing _____ and _____ in the face of HEARING THE WOG 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)

TEST #1: THE 'NO WATER' TEST (Exod.15:22-26)

TEST #2: THE 'NO FOOD' TEST (Exod.16)

TEST #3: THE 'NO WATER' TEST AGAIN (Exod.17)

TEST #4: KADESH-BARNEA (Numbers 13-14)

• How does this apply to you in your trials or tests?

- Are you walking by faith or by sight?
- Are you faith-resting or filled with anxiety?
- Can the Lord handle your issues and problems or not?
- Are you reacting by the flesh or responding by faith toward the Lord?