

The Supremacy of Christ: In Revelation Heb 1:1-4:13

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE
4:1-10 – THE PROMISE REMAINS**

The message so far...

■ JESUS: III. **Better than the Moses (3:1-6)**

- 2nd Warning - Consider Jesus, faithful as a Son
- Vs.6 - Hold FAST!!! (“drifting” 2:1)
- Confidence and boast of Glory
- Hardened Hearts – Stop TODAY!!! vs. anger of God!
- Evil, Unbelieving Hearts – see the Living God
- If we hold fast (see vs 6) (aor. act) – the choice is ours

The Exhortation

- The answer to the evil, unbelieving heart is given:
 - Encourage/Exhort - *parakaleō*
 - 'lest any'... we can't leave a single one behind! (3:13)
 - *sklērynō* – obstinate, stubborn (3:8,13,15, 4:7)
- The generation who saw miracles... failed!
 - We can duplicate their failure and miss out...
 - TOGETHER we stand firm; alone, we drift!

Second Warning (Pt. 2) 4:1-13

- This is a continuation of ch. 3
- Therefore – “let us fear” ??? Wow!
 - In the sense of being concerned about losing it (Jews)
 - Fear can keep us from folly and failure in faith
- A PROMISE remains of entering “His rest”
 - Here it is again... “HIS REST” and this means? Inactivity?
 - How long has the promise been ignored? WHY???

Our FAMILY

- Any one of your fall short – no one! Not one!
 - *hustereō* - left behind, be wanting
 - We drift alone, we exhort/receive as a Body
 - This is a goal not for the elite, but for ALL disciples
 - And WE are the ones responsible!!! (see 3:12,13)
 - How BIG is God's plan here???
 - Why is 'rest' about community?

Are you hearing? (2)

- To us and them – the good new was preached
 - This is a lot to say... since the readers have Christ...
 - But in the same way that they failed, we can too...
 - No profit or advantage was taken... why?
 - Not “united” to faith (2x – 1Co 12:24 – of the body)
 - Mix together, comingle it – perfect passive

His Word in Faith

- Promises must be preached, alive and lived in
 - This isn't for comfort or inactivity, but relationship
 - Mental assent; Commitment to; Follow thru = FAITH
 - Can the promises of God be nullified by us?
 - Sadly, "yes" – that is why we must be active!
 - Lest any one of you fall short of it....

Back to Ps 95

- We who have believed (aorist active) (3)
 - We did this at the cross, have we lived in it since???
- Enter that rest – emphatic future active
 - *eiserchomai* - of people coming in, of food in the mouth, of Satan entering a person
 - We who believe, enter...
 - His works were finished, from the foundation (Ge 1-3)
 - Note: they shall never enter my rest!!!

God rested

- Vs 4 – God rested – perfect, completed, pleasing
 - *katapauo* – to make quiet, give rest, stop striving
 - The promise is in the Father/Son – finished!
 - “all His works”
 - Even in the failure of sin, God’s word = FINISHED!
 - God takes His work seriously!
 - “foundation of the world” (3)

There remains a rest

- He never gives up offering!!! “for some”
 - “had good news preached to them” *euaggelizo*
 - **Failed – disobedience!** See Numbers... (6)
- God’s work/plan/price was for all the world...
 - No one falling short, none failing...
 - **Mt 22:1-14; 23:37; 25:31ff**

So, did it fail?

- Not thru Moses - unbelief, disobedience
- Not David (7),
- Not Joshua (8)
- David wrote of the “today” that would come...
- Joshua 22:4 – but look at Judges!!!!
- None of these gave ‘the rest’ to the people...

There remains...

- Not ours to give “God gave you”
 - but they wasted it...
 - His Rest (9,10)
 - Remains (see 6) – it is still waiting for us
- Sabbath – not in replacement but in concept
- As God rested, so we have the opportunity....

"Come to me... I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28

