

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

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE
4:10-16 – DILIGENT ENTRANCE**

The message so far...

- **JESUS: Better than His Predecessors (3:1-4:10)**
 - Vs.6 - Hold FAST!!! Confidence, boast of Glory
 - Hardened Hearts – Stop TODAY!!! vs. anger of God!
 - Evil, Unbelieving Hearts – see the Living God (3:12)
 - If we hold fast (3:6, 3:14) (aor. act) – the choice is ours
 - No Rest through Moses, Joshua, or even David!
 - unbelief, disobedience!

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

MATTHEW 11:28



The one who enters...

- Aorist active – a point in time, but WE do it!!!
 - So there are some who have found this!
 - These are “IN” the rest, in the same matter as Father
- The Father works, Jesus works, HS works...
 - Jn 5:17 (18!); 9:4; 14:10; 16:8-15; 1Co 12:7-18; Re 14:13
 - The Work is separate from the Rest = doing His works

- John 5:17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." 18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.
- John 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.
- John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
- John 16:8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] now. 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose [it] to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose [it] to you.

- 1Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
- 12 ¶ For even as the body is one and [yet] has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.
- Rev 14:13 ¶ And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

There remains (10)

- God remains active in our lives, we can rest in HIM
 - NOTE: vs 2 – no profit because faith was not united with the word that was preached...
 - We rest from all the striving and worries and fears
 - His work on Calvary and since Calvary HE does it all
 - But we do have a response and responsibility ...
 - 3:6, 3:14 IF – conditions

Therefore be diligent

- This seems to be a contradiction in terms:
 - Strive – spoudazo, endeavor 3, do diligence 2, be diligent 2, give diligence 1, be forward 1, labor 1, study 1 – 11x
 - This is an exhortation just like 4:1
 - NOTE: the concern of both is to make sure that....
 - “us,” “no one falls away” – this is corporate!!! The BODY!!!

How to fail?

- How will that happen?
- Disobedience!
 - We can either follow examples of faith (He 11)
 - 3:2; 3:6; 3:13; Heb 11
 - Or we can end up like those in ch 3:12-19, 4:2, & 4:6!!!
- What is going to make the difference???
- Another verse all too often out of context...

The Word of God!

- Not sermons, blogs, take-aways...
 - From 4:1,2 also... the only thing to keep us all!
 - logos – the written and revealed heart of God
 - Nothing else can and will bring us into HIS REST
- Things about this WORD:
 - Living – *zao*, alive, quick, breathe (Jn 10:10)
 - Active – *energes*, effectual, powerful
 - Sharper – *tomoterous*, 1x, to cut as if by a single stroke
 - Roman swords... kept sharp and clean

Sword of 2 edges

- Thought – “any two-edged sword”:
- Who carried a 2 edged sword? (Re 1:16)
 - Where do we see it again?? (Re 19:15,21)
 - AND Re 2:16! -- Is this a warning???
- We quote this for our own benefit...
- Do we apply it for our own protection?

More to hear...

- MORE about the Word:
 - Piercing – diikneomai, 1x, to go thru, penetrate
 - Dividing soul and spirit... this is an all day study!!!
 - Taking the “soulish” – proud, rebellious, sinful, unbelieving parts of us... 2Co 10:4&5 applied properly!!!
 - The Word will challenge and reveal all of this in us!
 - Perhaps this is why we try to avoid it???? OUCH?!
 - Like joints and marrow – surgeons go in this way...

2Cor 10

- 2 I ask that when I am present I [need] not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 [We are] destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and [we are] taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.
- NOT about demons! Rather about disobedient church members!!!

God's purpose...

- Why all this digging???
 - Judge kritikos, 1x – fit, skilled in judging, discerning
 - As the surgeon must decide, so does the Word
 - BUT, what is it discerning???? What is the LIFE OF US?
- THOUGHTS AND INTENTS
 - Thoughts – *enthumesis*, thinking, considerations
 - Intents – *ennoia*, mind, understanding, will, manner of feeling, and thinking...
 - Dr. Marino's Revival Machine

His Great Desire

- OF THE HEART!!!! This is God's goal!!!
 - To get at the unbelieving, evil that makes us hard
 - Like a surgeon cutting cancer from healthy cells
 - The WORD will reach into the innermost part of us...
- 13 – open and laid bare (trachelizo, 1x)
 - This phrase is used of a sacrifice being slit open
 - No one and nothing is hidden from HIS SIGHT
 - But, the book does not end here....

A Song from Keith Green

- My son, My son, why are you striving
You can't add one thing to what's been done for you
I did it all while I was dying
Rest in your faith, my peace will come to you
For when I hear the praises start
I want to rain upon you
Blessings that will fill your heart
I see no stain upon you
Because you are my child and you know me
To Me you're only holy
Nothing that you've done remains
Only what you do for Me