

I. INTRODUCTION

A. WARNING AGAINST APOSTASY: NOT ENTER (3:6-19; see 6,14; covenant curse; see Dt.27:1f; 28:15f)

B. ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PERSEVERANCE: MY REST (4:1-11; see 1,11; covenant blessing; see Dt.28:1f)

II. A REST REMAINS (Heb.4:1-11)

A. MY REST (4:1,(2),3a,b,4,5,6,9,10,11; see Ps.95:11(Heb.3:11f); Gen.2:2(Heb.4:4); see Gen.1:31f; Dt.28:30; Rev.14:13)

B. GOOD NEWS PREACHED (4:2,6; word; 2&12f)

C. PROMISE REMAINS (4:1,6,9)

1. Today (3:13f; 4:7)

2. Joshua then David (4:7-9; see Josh.22:1f; Ps.95,LXX title)

D. ENTER (4:1,3,(5),10,11; see Gen.11:31; Ex.12:25; Dt.4:5f; Neh.9:15; etc.)

1. come short (1); fall (11; 3:17): unbelief (2, 3:12,19); disobedience (6,11; 3:18)

2. believed (3; see 3:14)

3. word as a test of faith (Heb.4:12,13; see 2,6f; 3:7f; see Rom.10:17)

4. priesthood as means of entry (4:14-16 with c.5-10; 2:17f; note 9:12f; 10:19f; see Gen.2:2; 3:15,24)

E. A SABBATH REST (4:9; see 1,(2),3a,b,4,5,6,10,11 /Ps.95:11(Hb3:11f); Gn.2:2(Hb4:4) /Gn.1:31f; Dt.28:30; Rev.14:13)

1. creation ordinance: fellowship (Hb.4:4,5; Gn.2:2,8f; 3:8 (Sng 2:17; 4:6); Mk.2:27(1:35; 6:31); Dt.28:30; 1K4:25)

2. preserved to man even after the fall (Ex.20:8f; see Mk.2:27)

3. we enter it *today* by faith and with obedience in Christ (Heb.3:6f,14; 4:1f,8; 9:12f; 10:19f; see 3:18,19; 4:2,11; Mt.11:28; see Eph.2:5-10)

4. we will enjoy it *more* fully at death (Heb.12:23; Dan.12:13; Rev.6:11; 14:13)

5. we will enjoy it *completely* at resurrection (Mt.25:21; Rev.c.21,22)

III. ENTER HIS REST! (Heb.4:1-11)

A. SANCTIFY THE LORD'S DAY! (Ex.20:8, remember; Dt.5:12, keep watch)

1. last old to first new (Gen.2:2; Ex.20:8f; see Lk.24:1,7,21,46; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2; Rev.1:10)

2. special occasion enjoy Great Commandment (Mt.22:37f /1C16:2; Mk.3:1f; 2:23f ||WCF:21.8; SC,60; LC,117)

3. a means & evidence that you are resting in Christ by faith (Heb.4:12,13; see 2,6f; 3:7f /Rm10:17; Acts 2:42)

4. enjoy God's words & works with Him & His people (Gen.2:2; 3:8; Heb.12:22f ||SC,1)

5. enjoy the good works that God has given you to do (Heb.4:10; Gen.2:2,15f; 1Kngs.4:25; Rev.14:13)

B. CALL GOD'S REST A DELIGHT! (Is.58:13,14; Mk.2:27)

1. An obligation to enjoy a gift (Heb.4:1f; Gen.2:2; 3:5f; Ex.20:8; 1Cor.16:2)

2. Thanksgiving dinner (Heb.12:22f; Lk.14:15; 22:16,30)

3. a weekly honeymoon (Gen.2:2,8f; 3:8; see Song 2:17; 4:6)

4. Christmas day every week (Gen.2:2; Ex.20:8f; Dt.5:12f)

5. A means of grace for the means of grace (see Acts 2:42; 20:7)

6. the good news preached in deed (Ex.20:10; Dt.5:14; Mt.11:28f; see Eph.5:32,21f)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)