

“Naked And Exposed”
Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13
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The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)

Christ Calls Us To Labor Over The Salvation Offered To Those Who Will Repent Of Their Transgressions, (vs. 8 - 13)

Message Emphasis: Many today are just like ancient Israel; they believe that God’s word applies to someone else. We must see that we are truly “Exposed” before God and that who we really are is not hidden.

Evangelical Christians have a proclivity to pronounce judgment on all things pertaining to our Lord’s church. We treat this as a right and an obligation. It begins most Sundays over lunch, or in the car on the way home, or perhaps in the church foyer after the service. We pronounce commendations and condemnations on the music, Sunday school teachers, sermons, choirs, ministers, elders, and deacons. Sometimes that judgment renders a commendation that lifts individuals to a completed sanctification or a condemnation that exiles others to a region in the vicinity of purgatory. Paul warns us of the danger of declaring such verdicts. He reminds us that Jesus is the judge of anything associated with His church. Thus, we are usurping His position when we deliver these rulings. John Sartelle

“so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11, ESV)

9.1) Learn From The Examples Given You; Salvation Is Offered To Those Who Listen

“So There Remains (Pres.Pas.Ind) A Sabbath Rest For The People Of God” – There is a real promise of rest for those who listen!

- **“If Joshua Had Given Them Rest, God Would Not Have Spoken (Impf.Act.Ind) Of Another Day Later On”**

God gave a promise to deal kindly with Israel - “until the LORD gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also occupy the land that the LORD your God gives them beyond the Jordan.” (Deuteronomy 3:20, ESV)

God commanded Israel to follow His Word - “You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.” (Deuteronomy 5:33, ESV)

God was patience with Israel’s transgression - “LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **Restore us again**, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.” (Psalm 85:1-7, ESV)

Israel remained hardened of heart - “Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.” (Acts 14:18)

- The Believer’s Rest Is Not The Ceasing Of Labor But The Persevering In Christ’s Grace
“Whoever Has Entered (Aor.Act.Part) God’s Rest Has Also Rested (Aor.Act.Ind) From His Works” - “Here is a call for the **endurance of the saints**, those who keep the commandments of God **and their faith in Jesus**. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.**” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that **they may rest from their labors**, for their deeds follow them!” (Revelation 14:12-13, ESV)

The fact that God, after the introduction of the people into the Promised Land, speaks of a day in which His voice summons to an entrance into His rest, proves not only that the Rest of God, which has existed since the creation, is not identical with the rest proclaimed to the people by Moses, and secured for them under Joshua, but that this entire proceeding with the Israelites is simply to be regarded as figurative, and as having its fulfillment through Christ in the New Testament economy. ~ John Peter Lange

11.2) You Must Rid Yourself Of The Notion That Rest Is “Easy Street.”

“Let Us Strive (Aor.Act.Subj) To Enter (Aor.Act.Inf) That Rest” - Our salvation is NOT found in any incantation quickly administered so that we can move on to the next thing! “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,” (Philippians 2:12-15, ESV)

- **“That No One May Fall By The Same Sort Of Disobedience”** - There is a real danger of not heeding the warnings!
- **“For The Word Of God Is Living (Pres.Act.Part) And Active”** - If we are to live, we must live IN (not just by) God’s word “since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;” (1 Peter 1:23, ESV)
 - **“Sharper Than Any Two-edged Sword”** - “He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.” (Isaiah 49:2, ESV)
 - **“Piercing (Pres.Act.Part) To The Division Of Soul & Spirit (Like: “Joints / Marrow”)** - Precise, articulate
 - **“Discerning The Thoughts & Intentions Of The Heart”** - “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.” (1 Corinthians 14:24-25, ESV)
 - **“No Creature Is Hidden BUT All Are Naked & Exposed (Perf.Pas.Part)”**

God of pity, God of grace, When we humbly seek thy face, Bend from heaven, thy dwelling place, Hear and forgive, and save. Should the hand of sorrow press, Earthly care and want distress, May our souls thy peace possess; Jesus, hear and save.

*****What Must I Do To Be Saved? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will your heart find true rest.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)

“They called to the LORD, and he answered them.” (Psalm 99:6, ESV)

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13, ESV)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**