THE DANGER OF FAILING TO ENTER GOD'S REST 3 (Hebrews 4:3-5)

B. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed.

3. Do not fail to _____ the _____ God has provided and _____ by His _____ through _____ for you. (4)

a. The *subject of this third warning* revolves around the concept of ______.

- b. The meaning of "rest" involves ______.
- c. The provider of this "rest" is _____. (4:1b)
- d. The *warning is for us* to ______ a failure to ______ of _____ into God's rest. (4:1c)

e. The ongoing promise and possibility of entering God's rest ______ for you. (4:1a)

- f. The *good news of God's rest* is a message He had and still wants ______ to believers in the ______ just as in the ______. (4:2a)
- g. The *means of entering God's rest* involves more than ______ God's Word [as important as that is], but also ______ God's _____ and _____. (4:2b; 5:12-14)
 - Why didn't the good news of entering God's rest profit the past Exodus generation?
 - What are the opposites of faith-resting in the Lord?
 - How does 'hardening your heart' show itself?
 - What are some of the 'great and precious promises' of God to faith-rest in as a believer in Christ ...
 - ... regarding SALVATION ?
 - ... regarding ETERNAL SECURITY?
 - ... regarding GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE?
 - ... regarding GOD'S CONSTANT CARE?
 - ... regarding GOD'S FAITHFULNESS?
 - ... regarding VICTORY OVER SIN?
 - ... regarding the BENEFIT OF TRIALS?

- ... regarding GOD'S GUIDANCE?
- ... when you are AFRAID ?
- ... when you are ANXIOUS ?
- ... when you are DISCOURAGED?
- ... when you are LONELY?
- ... when you sense your INADEQUACY?
- ... when you have SINNED?
- With each of these great promises, what does God require of you? (Hebrews 4:3a)

h. Two past opportunities to enter God's rest. (4:3b-5)

- 1) It began to be offered after _____. (4:3b-4)
- Why was this the case?
- 2) It was offered regarding _____. (4:5)
- Was the faith-rest life ever enjoyed by the next generation of Jews? (Joshua 5:10-7:26)

Some closing questions:

- 1) How many promises of God do you and your children know to faith-rest in?
- 2) Are you learning to mix with faith the great and precious promises of God so that they profit you?
- 3) Are you keeping short accounts with the Lord when you have sinned?
- 4) Do you recognize that yesterday's failure/victory does not guarantee today's failure/victory but that the Christian life is lived moment by moment?
- 5) Have you ever rested by faith in the finished work of Christ to save you forever?