

## **Hebrews 4:1 -11**

*Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*<sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.”*

***6** Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”*

***8** For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.*

*<sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.*

***11** Let us therefore **strive to enter that rest**, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

## **Today: March 26, 2023**

### **Today’s Order:**

- Welcome & Review
- Doxology: Old 100
- His Mercy is More
- Corporate Prayer: Need of JESUS
- Ancient Words

Teaching of the WORD:

### **Foundations: Jesus is Supreme; The Work of Believing - Hebrews 4:1-13**

Worship through Giving

- Before the Throne
- Our Great God
- Doxology

### **Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events:**

\*\*Fellowship Dinners

March 26:\*\* Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 4:1-13

April 2: The Disciples Passover

April 9: **10am** Resurrection Sunday: Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 4:14-16 (no Fellowship Dinner)

April 16: FAITH WORKS James 1:1-16

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Vine & Branch Family Meeting. If you officially call Vine & Branch your church family, we will be having a membership meeting Wednesday 7pm (location TBD).

April

Please check out <https://vineandbranch.family/> for a more detailed calendar of events and to access previous sermons.

**THE WORKSHOP:** Men’s Bible and Character Study. This is an ongoing study that will meet the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa’s woodshop located at 460 Salt Creek Road. Next Meeting: April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30am.

*Phil 1:9-11: “It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”*

***“Belief in anything less than Jesus is no belief at all.”***

Main Point: “Today if you hear the WORD OF GOD  $\Rightarrow$  BELIEVE!”

**Repetitions:**

- The **goal** is entering into **GOD’s REST** (4:1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11)
- The **means** by which we enter is the Hearing the **GOOD NEWS** (4:2, 11)
- The **manner** of our entering is **BELIEF** (4:2, 6, 7, 11)
- The **timing** by which we enter is **TODAY** (3:7, 13, 15, 4:7)
- The **resources** to maintain believing is **UNITED FAITH WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS** and **HIS WORD** (3:13, 4:2, 4:11)

God’s REST = **GOD’s creation is his DIVINE SANCTUARY in which he dwells/abides with his creation and SHARES his glory/attributes with HIS image bearers; Men & Women Forever.**

**Finishing Work:**

- **God Finished His Work** then rested (4:3-5)
- **Jesus finished His Work** then rested “sat down” (3:14-19)
- **Recipients (we) Finish our work then rest** (4:11) What is our work? **TO BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD.**

Romans 4:2-5 <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work **but believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.”

Two Resources to Help us “Hold fast to our confidence” (3:6; 14)

“Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that **no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience** [disbelief to action]. <sup>12</sup> For the **word of God** is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

1. United belief with fellow believers (3:12-14; 10:24)

2. The Word of God

- a. In order to maintain our belief we regularly put ourselves before **WHAT GOD HAS SAID**
- b. Romans 10:17 “[Belief] comes by hearing and hearing by the **WORD OF GOD**”