

THE NEEDED RESOURCE TO ENTER GOD'S REST DAILY
(Hebrews 4:12-13)

I. The Supremacy of Jesus Christ.... for everything!

A. The Warnings & Exhortations You need to Heed

1. "Do not drift from your Savior mentally, nor neglect your so great salvation!"(chp. 2)
2. Do not harden your hearts through unbelief in departing from our focus and fellowship with the Lord God in the trials you are facing (chp. 3)
3. Do not fail to _____ the _____ God has provided and _____ by His _____ through _____ for you. (chp. 4)
 - a. The *subject* of this third warning revolves around the concept of **rest**
 - b. *meaning* of "rest" involves a **cessation** of work or labor; **freedom** from worry or anxiety ; a sense of **confidence, peace**, inner **stability** involving **faith/dependence** upon the Lord & His word!
 - c. The *exercise* of this "rest" is the daily **faith-rest life** in which the believer walks by faith in dependence on God enjoying, inner peace, joy, stability, etc. as the Lord fights His **battles** & carries His **burdens**.
 - d. The *provider* of this "rest" is **God** Himself. (4:1b, 3, 5, & 10)
 - e. The *warning* is for us to **fear** the failure to **come short** of **entering** into God's rest. (4:1c)
 - f. The *good news of God's rest* is a message He had and still wants **preached** to believers in the **present** just as in the **past**. (4:2a)
 - g. The *means of entering God's rest* involves more than **hearing / knowing** God's Word [as important as that is], but also **believing** God's **promises** and **principles**. (4:2b; 5:12-14)
 - h. Some past opportunities to enter God's rest from the context. (4:3b-9)
 - I believe, God's rest is offered to **every** generation of God's people, even to us **today!** (Hebrews 4:9)
 - The word "**today**" is found 5x in this passage indicating this and what is it emphasizing?
 - i. The *necessities* for entering God's rest include God's **grace** and your on-going **faith** in God's principles and promises, as it involves a willingness to **cease** from your own **works** as God did from His (4:10)
 - j. The exhortation regarding entering God's rest is, "Let us therefore _____ to enter that rest, lest _____ after the same example of _____ (4:11)
 - Active _____ on the Lord produces passive _____ of God's will in our lives!

k. The needed resource regarding entering God's rest daily is the objective, definitive _____!
(4:12)

- "for" (gar) sets forth a _____ or _____ for what has been previously stated.

- "the Word of God" - the *logos* of God- the very mind, character, & sayings of God will be our _____ & _____ for the Christian life!

• What is it's character?

1) It is _____...

2) It is _____...

3) It is _____ than any two-edged _____...

4) It can _____ and _____ even to the division or partitioning of ...
a)

b)

5) It is a _____ of our thought & intentions.

• Why is this necessary to enter/enjoy the faith-rest life?

• What are some "robbers" of the faith-rest life you need to be aware of?

l. The serious closing reminder regarding entering God's rest daily is the recognition of the _____ eyes of God, our _____ to Him, along with, the reality that we _____ give an _____ to Him of our daily lives since we were saved from sin's penalty (4:13)