

HEBREWS 4

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4:1-10

What exhortation is given here? How does this compare with the exhortations of 2:1 and 3:12-13?

What good news has been preached to both Israel and us? What promise have we both received?

Why did this good news not benefit them? Was there any defect or insufficiency in the promised rest?

What is meant by the phrase “My rest”? What does it mean for God to rest? How can we receive or take part in His rest?

How do we know this promise of rest was not fulfilled in the days of Joshua (*Josh 22:4*)?

In what sense is our promised rest a “Sabbath rest”?

4:11-13

What new exhortation is given? How does it compare with the exhortations of 2:1; 3:12-13; and 4:1?

How is God’s word described here? What does this mean? What is it able to accomplish in our lives?

How does this description of God's word fit into the context? (4:2) Is this working of God's word for our benefit or our detriment?

What parallels are there between the word of God and the eyes of God? How should this omniscience of God's sight impact us? (cf. 3:12-13; 4:7)

4:14-16

Why does the writer return to the idea of Jesus' priesthood at this point? How does this connect with the idea of judgment in vv. 12-13? How would this motivate and strengthen the brethren to "*hold fast*" their confession?

What two aspects of Jesus's priesthood are emphasized in v. 14 and v. 15? How do each contribute to the effectiveness of His intercession?

How can we now approach God's throne through Jesus? How should we use this privileged access to God? (cf. Heb 7:25; 10:22)