

Rest in Jesus!

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Hebrews 4:1-13

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- We've see Jesus is better than the angels... Jesus is better than Moses... now let's see that Jesus is better than Joshua!
- Beware of "cultural religion" Mt7:21-23
- Count how many times "rest" is mentioned today!
- Biblically, "rest" means so more than just taking a nap...

Entering By Faith

- The promised land was more than just a piece of land...
- the land was a picture of God's plan to restore us after Fall
- The Good News (Gospel), has always been preached...

Simply hearing the Gospel is not enough, must believe it!

- It takes more than believing God/Jesus exists^{Jms2:19-21}
- Abraham had faith in God's provision=righteousness^{Jms2:23}
- Faith alone saves us, but we must act in faith to be saved

The Message of salvation has'nt changed between OT/NT

- Error: OT believers had to keep law; NT by faith in Christ
- Grace has always saved believers, from Adam forward...
- God always provided salvation by faith in Jesus^{Rom4:13}
- By FAITH in Jesus we are saved: Act 16:31; Rom 4:23-25

Entering with Urgency 3-7

- Quote Psa 95:11 - wilderness generation didn't have faith
- They missed God's Rest – we can have that rest Heb 4:3
- Refers to Gen 2:2; God's rest after Creation
- God didn't need a nap; showed us His desire for Creation
- 4th command: work 6 days and rest
- New Covenant: we rest in Christ and work from that rest
- Not urgency of "today"; Today is the day of salvation^{2Cor6:2}

But What About Joshua? 7-11

- Been shown Ps95 context of Israel's disobedience
- Moses didn't take Israel into land, Joshua did...
- But Joshua didn't save... the land didn't provide rest...
- Jesus is the BETTER SAVIOR! V8
- That's why God spoke of another day... a Sabbath rest^{8,9}
- Jesus the better Savior^{Mt11:28-30} gives rest for your souls!
- The Gospel is the message of Christ's accomplishments on our behalf so that we might rest from our inadequate works by resting in Jesus' work!
- When we trust in Christ's work; we rest from trusting in our own works!

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