



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 4:1-11 (NAS)

Topic: "Superficial Spirituality vs. Saving Faith"

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- 1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.
- 2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.
- 3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just 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.
- 4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";
- 5 and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."
- 6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,
- 7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."
- 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.
- 9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- 10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.
- 11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

I. THE DESIRE FOR REST

- A. It Is So Elusive
- B. We Seek Rest In The Wrong Places

II. USES OF WORD "REST" IN OUR PASSAGE

- A. A Rest Which All Believers Attain *vs. 1*
- B. Israelites In The Wilderness Who Failed To Enter That Rest *vs. 3*
- C. God Resting From His Labor *vs. 3b, 4*
- D. Israelites In The Wilderness – They Shall Not Enter My Rest *vs. 5*
- E. Joshua's Leading Israel Into The Promised Land Was Not The Rest Spoken Of Here *vs. 8*

F. There Is Still Opportunity To Enter That Rest *vs. 9*

G. The Believer Rests From His Labors *vs. 10*

1. Cessation from his own work
2. Commitment to laboring for the Lord *Matthew 11:28-30*

III. IMPEDIMENTS TO ENTERING HIS REST

- A. Pride
- B. Pleasure
- C. Persecution
- D. Self-Deception
- E. A False Gospel

IV. ENTRANCE IS BASED ON THE GOSPEL BLENDED WITH FAITH