

A Rest for the People of God



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Warning Against Failing to Enter God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7-4:13 KJV Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, (8) Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (9) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years...



Warning Against Failing to Enter God's Rest

Psalms 95:8-11 KJV Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (9) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work...



Warning Against Failing to Enter God's Rest

Psalms 95:8–11 KJV ... (10) Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: (11) Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.



Warning Against Failing to Enter God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (10) Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. (11) So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) (12) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God....



Encouragement to Persevere to Enter God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; (15) While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation...



Unbelief Blocks Entry into God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7-4:13 KJV ... (16) For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. (17) But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?...



Unbelief Blocks Entry into God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7-4:13 KJV ... (18) And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? (19) So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (4:1) Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it...



Unbelief Blocks Entry into God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (4:2) For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. (3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world..



Unbelief Blocks Entry into God's Rest

Hebrews 3:7-4:13 KJV ... (4:4) For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. (5) And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. (6) Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:..



When Unbelief Becomes Insurrection

Numbers 14:2-4 KJV And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!...



When Unbelief Becomes Insurrection

Numbers 14:2-4 KJV ... (3) And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? (4) And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.



When Unbelief Becomes Insurrection

Numbers 14:10-12 KJV But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. (11) And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me,...



When Unbelief Becomes Insurrection

Numbers 14:10–12 KJV ... (11) ... for all the signs which I have shewed among them? (12) I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.



Insurrectionists Blocked From Entering God's Rest

Numbers 14:20-24 KJV And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: (21) But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. (22) Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;...



Insurrectionists Blocked From Entering God's Rest

Numbers 14:20-24 KJV ...(23) Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: (24) But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.



A Future Day of Rest

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (4:7) Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (8) For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day...



A Future Day of Rest

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (4:9) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. (11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief...



God is an Infallible Trier of Belief

Hebrews 3:7–4:13 KJV ... (4:12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart...



God is an Infallible Trier of Belief

Hebrews 3:7-4:13 KJV ... (4:13)
Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.



God is an Infallible Trier of Belief

Jeremiah 17:7-11 KJV Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. (8) For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit...



God is an Infallible Trier of Belief

Jeremiah 17:7-11 KJV ... (9) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (10) I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings..



God is an Infallible Trier of Belief

Jeremiah 17:7-11 KJV ... (11) As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.



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