

THE DANGER OF FAILING TO ENTER GOD'S REST 5 (Hebrews 4:9-11)

- What does effective expository preaching involve?

- 1) The needed _____ of the _____ of Scripture.
- 2) The clear _____ of the _____ of the passage.
- 3) The accurate _____ of the _____ and _____ of the passage.
- 4) The including of helpful _____ and _____ that clarify or reinforce the truths of the passage.
- 5) Appropriate prayerful _____ with practical _____ related to the needs and issues of the audience.
- 6) The central _____ of the preaching being on the person, work, provisions, and power of _____.
- 7) The _____ of the WOG through the _____ of the _____, leaving the results to God.

- How is this demonstrated in Hebrews 4?

3. Do not fail to _____ the _____ God has provided and _____ by His _____ through _____ for you. (4)

- a. The *subject of this third warning* revolves around the concept of REST.
- b. The *meaning of "rest"* involves involves...**CESSATION OF WORK OR LABOR; FREEDOM FROM WORRIES OR ANXIETIES; SENSE OF CONFIDENCE, PEACE, AND INNER STABILITY INVOLVING DEPENDENCE UPON SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.**
- c. The *provider of this "rest"* is GOD. (4:1b)
- d. The *warning is for us* to FEAR a failure to COME SHORT of ENTERING into God's rest. (4:1c)
- e. The *ongoing promise and possibility of entering God's rest* REMAINS for you. (4:1a)
- 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. The *two past opportunities to enter God's rest* involved CREATION and CANAAN. (4:3b-5)

- Was the faith-rest life ever offered and enjoyed by later generations of Jews? (2 Chron.17-20)

i. **The *present opportunity to enter God's rest* still _____ available to all believers _____, though it is only entered by _____. (4:6-9)**

- What is the scriptural rationale to arrive at this conclusion?
- What word is found 5x in this passage, and what is this emphasizing?

j. **The *necessities for entering God's rest* include God's _____ and your _____ in God's principles and promises, as it involves a willingness for you to _____ as God did from His. (4:10)**

- What does this verse remind us of regarding the Lord Jesus Christ?
- What does this verse remind us of regarding the grace of God?

k. **The *first exhortation regarding entering God's rest* is, "Let us therefore _____ to enter that rest, lest _____ according to the same example of _____." (4:11)**

- What does "be diligent" mean?
- What are we to be diligent about?
- What is the bottom line problem in your daily Christian walk?
- How does all of this apply to you?