

## THE DANGER OF FAILING TO ENTER GOD'S REST 8 (Hebrews 4:12-13)

- Matthew 11:28-30

3. Warning #3: Do not fail to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God has provided and \_\_\_\_\_ by His \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (4:1-13)
- 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 illustrations /opportunities to enter God's rest* involved **CREATION** and **CANAAN**. (4:3b-5)
  - i. The *present opportunity to enter God's rest* still **REMAINS** available to all believers **TODAY**, though it is only entered by **SOME**. (4:6-9)
  - j. The *necessities for entering God's rest* include God's **GRACE** and your **FAITH** in God's principles and promises, as it involves a willingness for you to **CEASE FROM YOUR OWN WORKS** as God did from His. (4:10)
    - What does this rest not mean?
  - k. The *exhortation regarding entering God's rest today* is, "Let us therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to enter that rest, lest \_\_\_\_\_ according to the same example of \_\_\_\_\_." (4:11)
  - l. The *needed resource regarding entering God's rest daily* is the \_\_\_\_\_. (4:12)
    - What does this title underscore?

- What 3 characteristics of the Word of God are highlighted here?
  
- What 2 abilities of the Word of God are emphasized in this verse?
  
- What 2 areas of your inner being can it discern or critique?
  
- Why is all this necessary for entering and enjoying the faith-rest life?
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
  
- How does the hardening of the heart show itself?
  
- What are some of the ‘robbers of rest’ in your life?
  - 1) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 3:12, 19)
  - 2) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 12:15)
  - 3) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 13:5-6; Phil.4:10-13)
  - 4) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:6-10)
  - 5) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 4:6-7)
  - 6) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 1:9; Phil.3:13-14)
  - 7) The problem of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal.3:1-5; 5:1-13)

**m. The *serious closing reminder regarding entering God’s rest daily* is the recognition of the \_\_\_\_\_ eyes of God and our \_\_\_\_\_ to Him, along with the reality we \_\_\_\_\_ give an \_\_\_\_\_ to Him of our daily lives since the time of our salvation from sin’s penalty. (4:13)**

- What does this mean to you personally?
  
- How does all of this apply to you practically?