



Hebrews

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

The Son Superior to Angels

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

and the exact representation
...ning all things by his powerful
... had provided purification for
... at the right hand of the Maj-
... became as much superi-
... he has inherited

13 To which of the angels did
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for you."
14 Are not all

Epistle

Listening to a telephone conversation. We need to try and piece out the conversation from the other side by looking at context and culture.

Study on Hebrews

Background knowledge:

Culture & Context

Bible study skills: Observation – Interpretation - Application

=Words of Emphasis

=& Repeated words

=& Compare & Contrast (esp for Hebrews)

OVERVIEW OF HEBREW

HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

SUPREMACY
OVER OT OFFICES
C1-7

SUPREMACY
OVER OT ORDERS
C8-10

SUPREMACY
IN THE SAINTS
C11-13

What would a pious Jew say about having a relationship with God?

Hear from God = Messenger: from God to man

Save by God = Deliverer: from God for man

Intercede to God = Mediator: between God and man

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such as angel & prophets

C 3

Deliverer;

of God for man

such as Moses & Joshua

C 5

Mediator;

between God & man such as Priesthood;

SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER

C 8 Covenant

C 9 Tabernacle

C 10 Sacrifice

SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

C12

Faith demonstrated

C13

Faith developed

Read Chapter 1-2

Share Observations for Chapter 1

Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

1 God, after He **spoke** long ago to the fathers in **the prophets** in **many portions and in many ways**, 2 in these last days **has spoken** to us in **His Son**,

whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. 4

God spoke ...	
Long Ago	Last Days
In the Prophets	In His Son
Many Portion & Ways	Has Spoken (completed)

Jesus is the complete **LOGOS**.
God “speaks” through His Spirit to affirm the revelation of Jesus.

Is He still speaking today?

Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

7 STATEMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE SUPERIORITY OF JESUS
OVER PROPHETS (in v2 & 3)

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2. through whom also He made the world.
3. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory
4. and the exact representation of His nature,
5. and upholds all things by the word of His power
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7. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty

HEIR

CREATOR

ESSENCE

IMAGE

PRESERVER

PURIFIER

REIGNING GOD

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has
inherited a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

5For to which of the angels did He ever say,
"YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again,
"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

**6And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."**

7And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."
8But of the Son He says,

**"YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE
RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."** 9"YOU HAVE LOVED
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, **YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED
YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR
COMPANIONS."**

10And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE WILL PERISH, BUT YOU
LIKE A GARMENT
AND YOUR YEARNS
**4 rhetorical questions & 3 statements
= Jesus is more superior than the Angels!**

13But to which of the angels has He ever said,
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?
14Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

YOUR HANDS; 11THEY
ROLL THEM UP;

Hebrews 2 - Give Heed

1For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. 2For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, **3how will we escape** if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

For = BECAUSE

Jesus is greater than the Prophets and Angels (Messengers from God to man)

- **Call to hear the Word V 1**
- **Call to heed the Word v3**

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Words from Angels	Spoken through the Lord
Proved unalterable	Confirmed by those who heard
	Testified by signs, wonders, miracles, gifts
	According to His own will
Received a just penalty	How to escape? 1e more severe!

WE SEE JESUS

1. who was made for a little while lower than the angels,
2. crowned with glory and honor,
3. taste death for everyone.
4. bringing many sons to glory,
5. author of their salvation
6. who sanctifies
7. call them brethren,
8. *proclaim Your name to My brethren,*
9. *"I will put My trust in Him."*

10.V14 partook of the same (nature)

- 11.might render powerless him who had the power of death,
- 12.might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- 13.gives help to the descendant of Abraham.
- 14.had to be made like His brethren in all things,
- 15.become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,

16.V17 to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

- 17.was tempted in that which He has suffered,
- 18.He is able to come to the aid of those

**A SAVIOR WHO
UNDERSTANDS**

**-OUR NATURE
(INCARNATION V 14) AND**

**-OUR NEEDS
(PROPITIATION V17).**

Interpretation

- What is God trying to say to us?
 - *How do we link all our observations?*

JESUS is more superior than all the messengers; ANGELS AND PROPHETS.

- He is the Eternal Word of Scripture (MESSAGE)
- He has done the Eternal Work of Salvation (MESSENGER)

Application

Application:

- Sins to confess,
- Promises to claim,
- Attitudes to cultivate,
- Command to comply,
- Example to copy,
- Scripture to contemplate.

- In the light of the Word of God concerning
- SUPERIORITY OF JESUS OVER THE MESSENGERS...
- How then shall I live?
- CROWN HIM AS LORD & SAVIOR:
 - Make time to Hear His Word: 30mins per day
 - Make effort to Obey His Word: pray – rehearse – act (within 24hrs)

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Homework:
C3-4

Hebrews 3 = Jesus Our High Priest

JUST FOR ILLUSTRATION

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; 2 He was **faithful** to Him who appointed Him, as **Moses** also was in all His **house**. 3 For He has been counted worthy of **more glory** than **Moses**, by just so much as the builder of the **house** has **more honor** than the **house**. 4 For every **house** is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. 5 Now **Moses** was **faithful** in all His **house** as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; 6 but Christ was **faithful** as a Son over His **house**--whose **house** we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, 8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, 9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS. 10 THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS'; 11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, 15 while it is said,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3 = Jesus Our Interpretation (v1-6):

Both Jesus and Moses are faithful in ALL areas.

But: Jesus is Son over the House

Moses is Servant in the House

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Hebrews 3 WHY THEREFORE?

C2 -JESUS CAN COME TO AID THOSE WHO ARE TEMPTED

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COMPARSION

CONTRAST

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but the builder of all things is God.

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later;

CONCERN – IF WE DON'T? PTO

6Christ is faithful as a Son over His house
whose house we are,

if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

Hebrews 3, V7-v19; explanation of the IF – the negative examples due to unbelief

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Hebrews 3

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CAUTION – Do not harden your heart

1. Tried God by Testing God v9
2. God went on Trial
3. God showed His works for 40 YEARS v9
4. Yet they did not know His Ways v10

Failure not due to sight but heart.
Why we should not harden our hearts:

- We would incur the wrath of God

CONSEQUENCE – ANGER OF GOD v10

12Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, **unbelieving** heart that falls away from the living God. 13But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be **hardened** by the deceitfulness of sin. 14For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, 15while it is said,

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CONSEQUENCE – ANGER OF GOD

1. Hardened Hearts as seen in unbelieving v12
2. Stereo-type God ie cannot get angry
3. Truth – God has feeling ie Anger, Wrath, Provoked

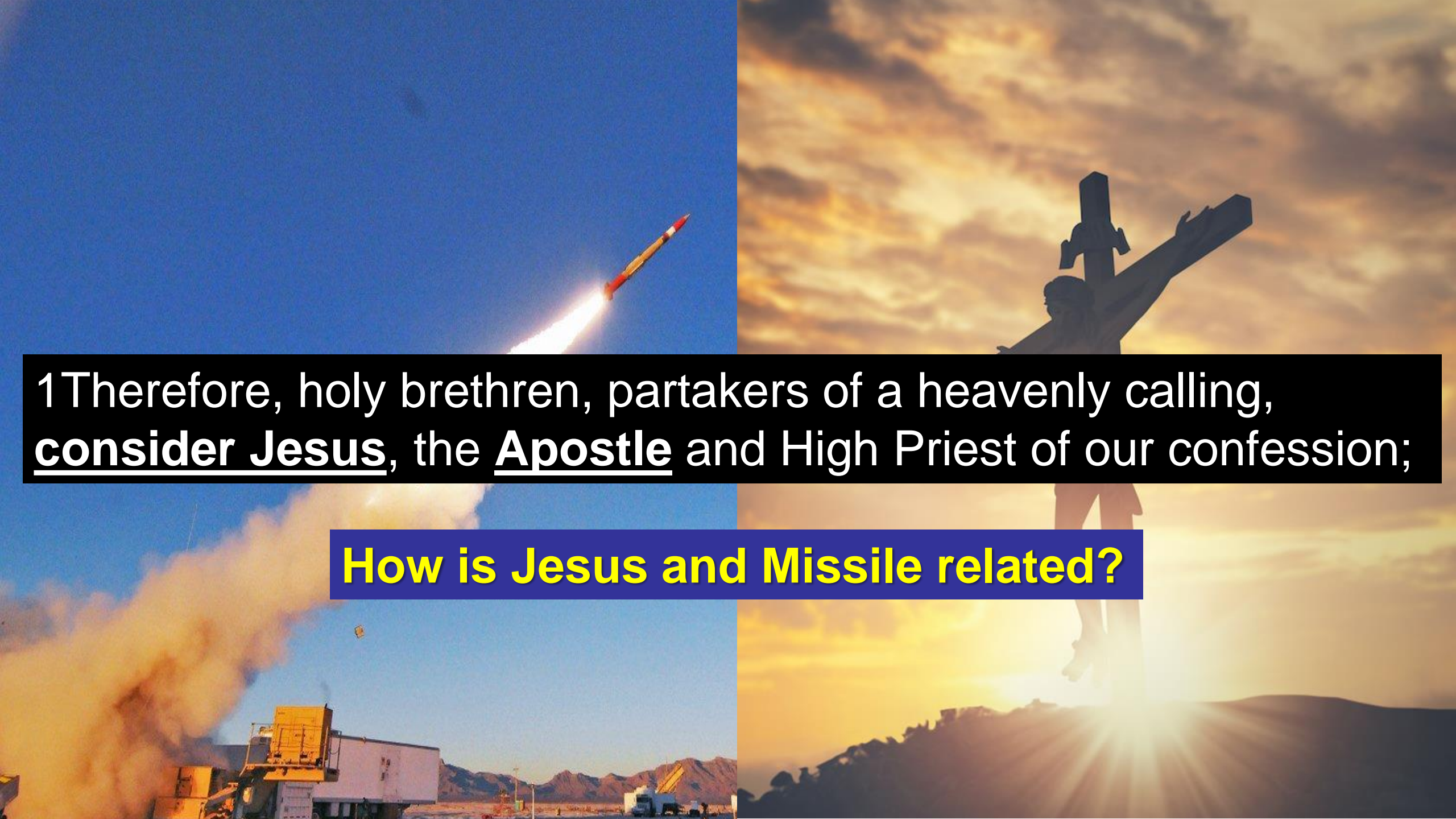
**Fear of God will come
either through
judgment or repentance**

Summary

Chapter 3

- Observations
 - Moses and Jesus compared
 - Jesus is more superior
 - Danger of hardened hearts
- Some interpretations
 - How is Jesus more superior than Moses
 - The result of unbelief brings wrath
- But how to steer clear from unbelief? PTO

- How to steer clear from unbelief?
 - **Consider Jesus; to think carefully & closely**
- How to consider?
 - See Jesus through the comparison with Moses;
 - Jesus is greater than the miracles and wonders of deliverance from Moses ie Builder of all these and more
 - You **cannot see** that unless...
 - Take Time for personal contemplation (**APPLICATION ie TODAY**)
 - Faith must be engaged in your contemplation
 - Reverse of v12 ... *unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God*
 - **Believing = Intimacy = Seeing (sequence is important)**
 - Because you **believe He is always Good**, you praise Him even in difficult times.



1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling,
consider Jesus, the **Apostle** and High Priest of our confession;

How is Jesus and Missile related?

Hebrews 4- The Believer's Rest

Therefore

Disobedience

Rest/Rested

Today

1Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. 2For 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. 3For 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. 4For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; 5and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST." 6Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, 7He 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."

8For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. 9So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from His. 11Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through failure of disobedience. 12For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we have to do. 14Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

KEY IDEA = REST
Rest is limited by
disobedience &
hardened hearts.

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Psalms 95 - Praise to the LORD, and
Warning against Unbelief.

1 O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our
salvation.

2 Let us come before His presence with
thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God
And a great King above all gods,
4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand

Today, if you would hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts, as at
Meribah,
As in the day of Massah in the
wilderness,

9 "When your fathers tested Me,
They tried Me, though they had seen My
work. 10 "For forty years I loathed that
generation, And said they are a people
who err in their heart, And they do not
know My ways.

**11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly
they shall not enter into My rest."**

Heb 4:1 Therefore, **In view of the unbelief of the Israel & their consequence.**

let us fear if,

while a promise remains of entering His rest,
any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

**Purpose of
deliverance is REST**

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.

**Unbelief
= not united with faith**

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, **What is this rest? > Mere rest**

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**Creation
rest**

Ps 95:11

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Canaan Rest**

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Calvary Rest

so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

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V12-13

= Word of God

//Eyes of Him

= Nothing can hide

= Be diligent to
qualify by obedience

14Therefore,

since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God,
let us hold fast our confession.

**V14-16 is part of C5 to build on the theme of Priest.
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but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

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let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,

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Interpretation

Chapter 3 and 4 – superiority of Jesus over Moses and Joshua

- Jesus came and brought permanent rest while both Moses and Joshua brought temporary rest
- Jesus came as Son while Moses and Joshua were servants.
- Jesus came from Heaven to Earth while Moses and Joshua were from Earth to Earth

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Purpose of Deliverance – Rest not Relief

3 aspects of Rest

Creation Rest	Cannan Rest	Calvary Rest
Rest in the Body	Rest in the Soul	Rest in the Spirit
4:3	4:8	4:11
Physical	Place	Person

Application

What then should we do? (Don't harden your heart! 3:8)

1 Examine our hearts

3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

2 Encourage one another

3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

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3 Endure in faith

3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

4:1 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.

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