

HEBREWS 3:1 – 4:13

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1. Hebrews 3:1 instructs us to “Therefore ... consider Jesus ...”. Look back at Hebrews 2:14-18 and record the truths about our Savior we are to give careful attention to.

2. Read Hebrews 3:1-6. In Hebrews chapters 1 and 2, we learn that Jesus is greater than angels. To whom is Jesus now compared?

Keeping in mind that Hebrews was originally written to Jewish Christians, why do you think it was important to establish Jesus’ superiority over Moses? See Deuteronomy 34:10-12.

List and carefully consider the ways Jesus is described in Hebrews 3:1-6.

3. Read Hebrews 3:6 again along with 3:14. According to these verses, how do we demonstrate that we are members of God’s household?

How do you think the habit of thoughtfully considering Jesus makes it possible to hold on to our faith, even in times of suffering or doubt?

4. Read Hebrews 3:7-11, which paraphrases part of Psalm 95 and looks back at a tragic time of rebellion in Israel’s history. According to Hebrews 3:8 and 10, what was Israel’s sin?

How did God respond to their sin in Hebrews 3:10-11?

5. Read Hebrews 3:12-15. What warning is given in verse 12?

According to verse 13, what is an action we can take to prevent disbelieving or doubting God's Word?

How often are we to participate in this work?

Why do you think such frequency is necessary?

Has there been a time recently when someone has encouraged your faith? What impact did that have on your heart?

Spend a few minutes talking with the Lord about who might need this kind of encouragement from you this week. Please share how you plan to be a spiritual encouragement to a brother or sister in Christ in upcoming days.

6. Read Hebrews 3:16-19. One definition of *rest* is relaxation without fear in the presence of God. According to verse 19, why did Israel miss out on God's blessing of rest?

Look again at Hebrews 3:16-19 along with Exodus 15:1-13. Summarize the attributes and acts of God witnessed by Israel as He overcame the pursuing Egyptians, which should have fortified their faith in future hardships.

7. Read Hebrews 4:1-6. According to verse 3, what is required of us in order to experience God's rest?

Like Israel, we are prone to quickly forget God's great work in our lives. What do the following verses teach us about remembering God's work and holding on to our faith?

Deuteronomy 4:9

Psalm 119:11

John 14:26

What is one way you plan to remember the Lord in the days to come?

8. Read Hebrews 4:7-11. What is the warning given in verse 7?

The opposite of a hardened heart is responding to God in faith and obedience. Share a time you responded to God in faith and obedience which led to God's blessing of rest.

9. Read Hebrews 4:12-13 carefully. In your own words, how are the Scriptures the most powerful tool we can use as we strive to faithfully trust and obey the Lord?

10. Which verse from this study will be alive and active in your spirit this week? Why?

11. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Consider Jesus

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Jesus is Greater Than Moses

3:1-6

- As the Father's messenger and our High Priest, Jesus perfectly bridges the gap between the holy Father and sinful man.
- If Jesus is greater than Moses, He is greater than any man who ever lived.
- Moses was a servant. Jesus is God's Son.
- Christ followers, because of the new nature we are given in Christ, will have confidence in the living God.

Purposefully _____ your confidence and hope in Christ.

God's Good Rest

3: 7-4:11

- God's people have a history of forgetfulness and disbelief.
- A disbelieving heart rightfully angers God.
- We must tend our own hearts carefully and purposefully.
- We must encourage each other to believe God and take Him at His Word.
- There is rest for our souls when we hear God and believe Him.

Purposefully _____ to pursuing this great truth:
Hearing God + Believing God + Obeying God = Rest

God's Powerful Word

4:12-13

- The Word of God is alive and _____ in every season and for every need.
- The Word of God exposes our innermost thoughts and motives.
- We can pray for God's Word to reveal our own hearts to us.

Allow God's Word to do its good and powerful work as we walk with Him.

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HEBREWS 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

PSALM 62:5-7 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

HEBREWS 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son*, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.¹

MATTHEW 11:28-30 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

HEBREWS 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:4-5 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore, do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

ROMANS 15:13 (NLT) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹ Emphasis added