**“Don’t Miss this REST”**

**Heb 4:1-13**

**I. Understanding the Warning**

 *In* *Your own words: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**II. Undertaking the Invitation**

A) Entering into God’s Rest

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

B) Taking Advantage of God’s Rest

John 8:24-25

*“God’s rest has remained open to his people since the work of creation was finished, but it will be forfeited by disobedience.”* FF Bruce

C) The Importance of Faith in Rest

Psalm 106:23-24

*Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

D) Possible Connections in Rest

**III. Underscoring Fresh Application**

A) Judgment is sure, but Hope is Eternal

• *If Grace is still available for the unbeliever how much more* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

[unbeliever] Romans 10:9; [believer] Revelation 7:16-17

1) Write down a promise & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

2) Read God’s Word

**Quotes**

*“The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly.”* ― Søren Kierkegaard, *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard*

*“Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel.”* ― Corrie ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

B) Your Response Matters

 *"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."*

 1) Unbelief

a) Hardened heart towards God

b) Hardened heart towards other people

2) Today means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

C) God’s Rest is Waiting

• Think on Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 11:28-30 John 14:2-3

• Think on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

• Think on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**~ 1446 BC ~ 1000 BC ~ 30 AD ~ 68 AD 2015 AD**

**Moses & the Exodus Psalm 95 Written Jesus & the Cross Letter to the SGCC Today**

(1st & 2nd generation)  (\* see vv. 7-11 below) **Hebrews Written**

1st generation failed to (author quotes Psalm

enter promise land & 95 vv. 7-11)

died in desert (unbelief)

 

**Joshua & Israel enter While living in Promise Jesus, perfectly Preacher recalls both We should**

**the Promised Land. Land author of Ps 95 keeps covenant, Exodus generation continue to**

(~ 1406 BC) **recalls Moses’ time succeeding where & generation of Ps 95 strive as a**

 **& urges listeners to Israel failed & enters & reminds hearers congregation to**

**not harden their heavenly rest of God, that God’s rest is still rejoice in God’s**

**and prompts them paving the way for open and the people salvation rest &**

**to obey and trust. Christians to enter should respond today look forward to**

 **God’s eternal rest. & *not* fail to enter God’s eternal rest,**

**because of urging everyone stubbornness and *not* to harden their unbelief. & forfeit the promise.**

***\* Psalm 95:7-11***  *… Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." 11Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*