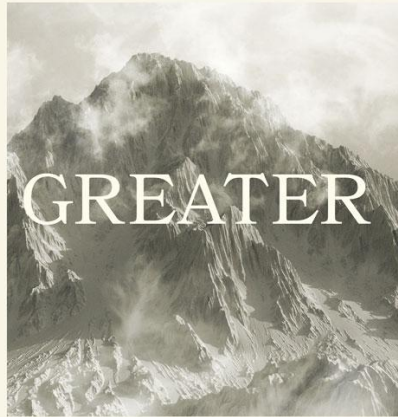


THEREFORE, HOLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
WHO SHARE IN THE HEAVENLY CALLING, FIX YOUR
THOUGHTS ON JESUS, WHOM WE ACKNOWLEDGE AS
OUR APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST. HE WAS FAITHFUL
TO THE ONE WHO APPOINTED HIM, JUST AS MOSES
WAS FAITHFUL IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE. JESUS HAS
BEEN FOUND WORTHY OF GREATER HONOR THAN
MOSES, JUST AS THE BUILDER OF A HOUSE HAS

JESUS is GREATER

GREATER HONOR THAN THE HOUSE ITSELF. FOR
EVERY HOUSE IS BUILT BY SOMEONE, BUT GOD IS
THE BUILDER OF EVERYTHING. "MOSES WAS FAITHFUL
AS A SERVANT IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE," BEARING
WITNESS TO WHAT WOULD BE SPOKEN BY GOD
IN THE FUTURE. BUT CHRIST IS FAITHFUL AS THE
SON OVER GOD'S HOUSE. AND WE ARE HIS HOUSE.
IF INDEED WE HOLD FIRMLY TO OUR CONFIDENCE
AND THE HOPE IN WHICH WE GLORY.



HEBREWS



The Rest That's Always Best Hebrews 4:1-11

Hebrews 4:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "On the seventh day God rested from all his works." And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest." Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did

from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

I. Our Sabbath Rest

Verse 3,4 – “...His work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work."

Genesis 2:2-3 (ESV)

And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Revelation 14:13 (ESV)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ... “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”



II. Our Salvation Rest

Verse 1, 3 – “The promise of entering his rest still stands Now we who have believed enter that rest.”

III. Our Submission Rest

Hebrews 3:18-19 (NIV)

“To whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Verse 11 – “Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no-one will fall by following their example of disobedience.”

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)

“Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Four essential “rest-stops”:

- Cultivate Daily Time with Jesus
- Trust God for your needed spiritual rest

Psalms 37:7 (NKJV)

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;

Isaiah 26:3 (ESV)

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

- Walk with God in faithful Obedience

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: Ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

- Stop trying to earn God’s Love and Acceptance

Verse 9, 10 – “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.”