

sermon notes

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November 20, 2022 | "Finding Rest" | **Hebrews 4:1-13**

- 1) The _____ of Rest (4:1-3)

- 2) The _____ of Rest (4:4-8)

- 3) The _____ of Rest (4:9-11)

- 4) The _____ of Rest (4:12-13)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 4:1-3. This passage tells us to "fear" something. What are we to fear? Is fear a good thing or a bad thing? What does the Bible say about fear? Make a list of good fears and bad fears. Use the following tool to search for passages related to "fear" and "fear of the Lord."

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/>

The author of Hebrews says that the message (Greek: λόγος) that the Israelites heard didn't benefit them, because they didn't unite it with faith. What role does faith have in a Christian's life? What message are we told to unite with faith as NT Christians? How does faith lead to rest? Read Hebrews 4:4-11. What is God's rest? How do we enter into his rest? Is this rest a present or future reality?

Read Hebrews 4:12-13. How is the word of God "sharper than a two-edged sword?" What makes the Bible two-edged?

GET PERSONAL

Read Hebrews 4:10. How did God rest from his works? When did he rest from his works? What does the author mean when he says, "whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works?" Have you personally rested from your works? What does that mean? Does it mean that we don't do good works as followers of Christ?

Is the rest that the author of Hebrews describes in this passage spiritual or physical? Do you feel physically at rest right now? Do you feel spiritually at rest? Should you?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read Hebrews 4:12. How has the Word of God proved living, active, and convicting in your life? How does it discern the intents of your heart? In light of Scripture's power, how might we maximize our engagement with it?

Read Hebrews 4:13. Is this passage a warning or a comfort to you? Take a moment to thank God that "no creature is hidden from his sight" (4:13).

ADVANCED QUESTION

There are several ways that the Greek word λόγος is used in the Scriptures. It can be used to describe a literal "word." It can be used to mean "message" or "speech" or "gospel" (Acts 19:20). It can mean "Scripture" (Heb 4:12) or "reckoning" (Rom 14:12). It can even be used as a reference to Jesus (John 1:1). What does this teach us about human language and the connotations (semantic range) of words? Read the following article to help you better understand the word λόγος:

<https://www.logos.com/grow/greek-word-logos-meaning/>