

**The Book Of Hebrews**  
**Chapter 4 verses 1 to 8 – Pastor Charles A. Hall – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

**Chapter 4** - Continues to build on the theme of exhortation, and provides more factual information that support Jesus' ministry as being better than that of Moses and of Joshua. This chapter further introduces and explain Jesus' position as the Great High Priest.

1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
  - The author states that the readers of the epistle should fear God, especially after having seen what God did to the Israelites who came out of Egypt, so that the readers should not fall short of the promise of God to enter into His rest.
2. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.
  - The author states that the readers of this epistle have no excuse for disobeying God, and for showing a lack of fear and reverence to Him, because they had heard the gospel preached to them. The Israelites also heard the word of God preached to them as well, but it did not help them, because they lacked faith.
3. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
  - This verse confirms God's promise to those that heard His word, with faith, and with an obedience spirit will be allowed to enter into His rest, which God had made a solemn Oath, which was accomplished before the foundation of the world.
4. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.
  - The author provides a biblical text to further explain the type of rest that is being spoken of in this verse, which can be found in Genesis, when the Lord rested from His work on the seventh day, because His work was finished and it was good.
  - **Genesis 2:2**
5. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.
  - This verse should serve as confirmation and encouragement, that we can enter into the same type of divine rest spoken of in the prior verse, and in Genesis, if we will receive the gospel, believe, and obey God.
6. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

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- The word of God states that it is still possible for some to enter into this divine rest, however those who first heard the preached word, who were on their way to the promised land did not enter, because of their unbelief, which resulted in disobedience.
7. Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- Again, God in His word placed special emphasis on today, as reflected in David's writing in Psalm 95, even after a long period if we will receive His word and not harden our hearts against Him, He can still take His people to a place of divine rest.
  - **Psalm 95:7-8**
8. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.
- In the Greek and Hebrew language, the name Jesus and Joshua are identical, however in this verse the name Jesus is actually referring to Joshua, if Joshua had given the people rest, would God have spoken about another day?