

JESUS' SUPERIORITY TO JOSHUA  
(Hebrews 4:1-9)

- I. The PRESENT AVAILABILITY of Rest (Heb. 4:1)
  - A. It is a PROMISE that REMAINS
    - 1. It has not been WITHDRAWN
    - 2. It has not been FULFILLED
  - B. There is a legitimate REASON to FEAR
    - 1. Some may FAIL to ENTER rest (4:11)
    - 2. Some may THINK faith in Jesus INSUFFICIENT for OBTAINING rest
  
- II. The POTENTIAL ABSENCE of Rest (Heb. 4:2-4)
  - A. The GOOD NEWS must be HEARD and BELIEVED (4:2-3*a*; 3:11-12, 19)
    - 1. Possibly, most of Israel did not JOIN those who BELIEVED
    - 2. Possibly, most of Israel did not UNITE what they heard with FAITH
  - B. The REST has the QUALITY of GOD'S rest (4:3*b*-4)
    - 1. Not the CESSATION of all ACTIVITY
    - 2. But the COMPLETION of the PROJECT
      - a. A rest of SATISFACTION and ENJOYMENT

- b. A rest that is PERMANENT
  - C. The DISBELIEVING will be EXCLUDED (4:5)
  
- III. The PERMANENT AFFIRMATION of Rest (Heb. 4:6-9)
  - A. What God PROMISED must be FULFILLED (4:6-7; 3:19)
    - 1. REJECTED in the time of MOSES
    - 2. AVAILABLE in the time of DAVID
    - 3. AVAILIBLE in the PRESENT
  - B. They did NOT get this rest through JOSHUA (4:8)
    - 1. TOOK them into Canaan after Moses COULD NOT
    - 2. But did NOT provide the ULTIMATE rest God promised
  - C. “There REMAINS a SABBATH REST for the PEOPLE OF GOD” (4:9)
    - 1. A FUTURE generation of ISRAEL will be CONVERTED
    - 2. Believers in CHRIST are now “the PEOPLE of GOD”