

WARNING TO AVOID MISSING GOD'S REST
(Hebrews 4:10-13)

- I. The CHARACTER of God's Rest (Heb. 4:10)
 - A. It has the QUALITY of GOD'S rest (see 4:3b-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
 - B. The DISBELIEVING will be EXCLUDED
 - C. Who is "the one who has ENTERED" this rest and from what WORKS has he RESTED?
 1. The believer's "rest" in FAITH, having ceased his own EFFORTS?
 2. CHRIST'S rest in having successfully COMPLETED His work of REDEMPTION?
 3. The believer's "rest" at DEATH, no longer facing the STRUGGLE to OBEY?
(Rev. 14:13)
- II. The CHALLENGE of God's Rest (Heb. 4:11-13)
 - A. ENTRANCE requires DILIGENCE (4:11)

1. Applies to EVERY PROFESSING BELIEVER
 2. Warns that SOME could “FALL” through DISBELIEF (see 3:18)
- B. EVERYONE is subject to the REVEALING power of GOD’S WORD (4:12)
1. It is LIVING and ACTIVE
 2. It PIERCES one’s INNER BEING
 3. It DISCERNS and EVALUATES one’s THOUGHTS and MOTIVES
- C. PARTICIPATION will be determined by God’s EXAMINATION (4:13)
1. All PRETENSE is STRIPPED AWAY
 2. Every DETAIL is LAID BARE
 3. He cannot be DECEIVED by a FALSE PROFESSION
 4. No one can AVOID personal ACCOUNTABILITY to Him