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Chapter 4 Enter His Rest

Vs 1 Warning about not entering into the promise of God's rest.

Vs 2 That rest is received by hearing and believing the Good News of the Gospel.

Vs 3 Only believers enter into the rest of salvation.

Vs 4-8 The concept of God's rest is first seen in Creation.

Vs 11 Be diligent to enter His rest! Eph. 2:8,9. Titus 3:5

Vs 10 The one who has entered His rest has also rested from his works, as God did from His.

Chapter 4 Enter His Rest

"Rest is the conscious possession of sufficient resources in Christ."

Vs 12 That rest is revealed in the Word of God that is living and active...

Vs 14 We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens...

Vs 15 He sympathizes with our weaknesses...

He was tempted in all things as we are yet without sin.

Vs 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...

Hebrews 5 Christ's Qualifications

Characteristics of the high priest vs 1-4:

- he is taken from among men.
- appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God
- offers both gifts and sacrifices
- able to deal gently with the ignorant and misguided
- he himself is beset with weakness
- offers sacrifice not just for the people, but for his own sin as well
- he should not seek honor for himself.

Hebrews 5 Christ's Qualifications

Characteristics of Christ vs 5-9:

- Vs 5 He did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest.
- Vs 6 He was not self-appointed, but appointed by His Father.
- Vs 6b He is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
- Vs 7 He offered up prayers and supplications
- Vs 8 as the Son of God, Jesus learned obedience from the things which He suffered.
- Vs 9 He was made perfect.

Hebrews 6 Press on to maturity in Christ

In vs 4-6 the writer describes a group of people who:

- had once been enlightened.
- tasted the heavenly gift.
- had become partakers of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:8, 1Cor. 7:14)
- had tasted the good word of God.
- had tasted the powers of the age to come.
- If they fall away it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame

Hebrews 6 **Press on to maturity in Christ**

Vs 9 But beloved we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation.

Vs 10 A couple of things that accompany salvation in the lives of a true believer are their work and the love shown in ministering to the saints, God is not unjust so as to forget that.

Hebrews 7 Christ and Melchizedek

A. Picture of Melchizedek vs 1-3

B. Preeminence of Melchizedek vs 4-10

C. Christ is a Priest according to the order of Melchizedek vs 11-28

Christ is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek 7:11-28

Vs 11 The Levitical priesthood could not bring perfection.

Vs 16 Christ arose as a priest not because of a physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

7:17 Christ's priesthood is forever

7:22 Christ's priesthood is superior because He is the guarantee of a better covenant.

7:23-25 Christ's priesthood is permanent. He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him

7:26-28 ...we have such a high priest:

- ❖ holy,
- ❖ innocent,
- ❖ undefiled,
- ❖ separated from sinners
- ❖ exalted above the heavens;
- ❖ He does not need daily to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people,
- ❖ because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
- ❖ The Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath... appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8:1,2

"Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man."

Old Covenant

- Shadow, a copy
- Man pitched
- On earth
- Blood of animals
- External
- Temporary cleansing
- Cleansed flesh
- Year after year
- Reminder of sin
- For Israel
- Conditional

New Covenant

- True tabernacle
- God pitched
- In heaven
- Blood of Christ
- Internal
- Eternal redemption
- Cleansed conscience
- Once for all
- Removal of sin
- For all men
- Unconditional

CHRIST, the mediator of a better covenant