

The Rest of the Story

Hebrews 4:1-13

A greater rest awaits those who have faith in Christ

1. There remains a greater rest for the people of God (1-5)

- a. Be sure you will enter that rest through faith

2. There is an appointed time to receive this rest (6-11)

- a. God's "appointed time" is called today

3. We will be held accountable for our lives to God (12-13)

- a. By His word He convicts and calls us

For Further Study and Reflection

The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel

40 Questions About Heaven and Hell by Alan W. Gomes

Heaven by Randy Alcorn

The Story of Reality by Gregory Koukl

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis

Small Group Questions:

1. What prevented the Hebrew refugees from entering God's rest in Canaan?
2. How do we know that God has a future and better rest in store?
3. What is the rest we are invited into? How might we miss this rest? How can we be sure that we have entered into His rest?
4. How are the recipients of the book Hebrews similar to the rebellious generation of the Exodus? How are they different? How is offer of rest similar? How is offer of rest different?
5. When does one experience the rest of God?
6. What does it mean that we will give an account to God for our lives? What advantage does the Christian have over the unbeliever on the day of judgment?
7. What is the word of God? How is the word at work in the lives of those who hear it?
8. Are you certain that you have entered the rest of God?