

The Superiority of Christ
Jesus – Better than Joshua and the Promised Land Rest
Hebrews 4:4-11

Introduction

The Book of Hebrews compares and contrasts the Old Testament Covenant and the New Covenant in Christ.

1. The final verses of Chapter 3 are a _____ to those who are unsure or uncommitted to following Jesus as God's Messiah.
2. A whole generation of Israelites failed to enter the Promised Land because of their _____ due to their unbelief.
3. The cause of Israel's failure to enter Canaan was due to their _____, unbelief, and disobedience.
4. It's not beginning to follow God that matters most; it's how you _____ that counts.
5. 5.The scripture says, "By _____, they kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, and passed through the Red Sea."
6. They started out with faith! But they failed to _____ in Faith and instead grumbled and complained against God.
7. The Hebrew Christians began with faith in Christ but were faltering in Faith under _____.
8. Many find the Christian life too _____ to live.

I. The Rest of Faith

9. Israel had example after example of God's ability and willingness to _____ for them even in the Wilderness.
10. God's plan was the land of _____.
11. Christ wants us to know Him as the glorified Prophet, Priest, and _____ of Heaven; who saves and _____ us completely.
12. The Hebrew writer is warning us to turn away from fear and grow in faith until we find ourselves continually at _____ in the presence of God.
13. The Canaan life had to be fought for and _____.

14. The life of faith begins when we learn to trust God for victory over _____.
15. Canaan is a picture of dying to self, fear, and unbelief by claiming, by Faith, the death of Christ as sufficient to give you an everlasting life of victory, strength, and _____ power.
16. By its very nature, faith is a resting in the _____ until the promise is fulfilled.'
17. Joshua was a great leader and _____ who led Israel to victory in the Promised Land.
18. Jesus is better than Joshua since He has led us into the _____ of God, giving us spiritual strength and victory to be overcomers and rest and be at peace in Him.
19. Faith faces any situation and rests in the _____ of God.
20. Faith does not need _____; it is God's help!
21. The Hebrew writer tells us to _____ Jesus, forsake the wilderness, follow the Lord and enter His rest.

II. The Rest of God

22. Faith causes us to see that as His creation, we can find rest nowhere but in the _____.
23. In His perfect rest, we can cast all of our _____ upon God and be free of all care and anxiety.
24. Even though God is the cause of all movement and change, He, Himself, is immovable and _____.
25. Faith honors God, and God honors _____.
26. _____ is a perfect picture of the connection between finishing a work and entering the rest that follows.
27. God rested on the _____ day from all the physical work of creation.
28. When we receive Christ, we partake of His divine _____.

29. Jesus is greater than _____, who brought the Israelites into the Promised Land.
30. _____ was never wholly able to secure rest and peace for Israel in the Promised Land.
31. Jesus, through His perfect faith, brings us into the _____ of God and into the rest of God.
32. We need to follow _____ into the presence of God and enter the spiritual rest of God.
33. The rest of God is a rest we find in His _____.
34. God sees everything. God knows everything. In His presence, there is no _____.
35. To enter the rest of God means to walk the walk of faith in humility and _____.

III. Rest From Works

36. There is a _____ rest for the people of God that is yet to come.
37. There are two distinct stages of God's work. The first was the physical work of creation. The second is the _____ rest He enters when the physical work of creation is finished.
38. After the creation and certainly since the Fall of Man, God focuses on the _____ of the life He has entrusted to us.
39. It is a rest from the work of Creation, for a higher work of spiritual development that is now being carried out. It is a work of securing our _____ and perfection.
40. There are also two stages in the Christian life – the carnal and the _____.
41. Many Christians cannot set aside their own thoughts and _____ and rest in Christ.

42. To rest in God is to _____ to the highest activity of God.
43. We enter the rest of God when we cease from _____.
44. We do not fear those things which can destroy the physical body because we have a _____ body that awaits us!

Conclusion

45. Verse 11 says, "Let us, therefore, be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of _____." (Hebrews 4:11 NKJV)
46. The book of Hebrews is profoundly _____.

Hebrews message causes us to seriously consider what kind of Christian life we are living and do whatever it takes to enter the rest of God.

Do not fall after the same example of disobedience. The danger is real—the loss will be terrible. God has sworn in His wrath that we will not enter His rest unless we listen and obey. We must have an earnest desire, a willing readiness, a firm resolve, to enter God's rest.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Warning | 28. Nature |
| 2. Disobedience | 29. Joshua |
| 3. Fear | 30. Joshua |
| 4. Finish | 31. Presence |
| 5. Faith | 32. Jesus |
| 6. Grow | 33. Fellowship |
| 7. Persecution | 34. Fear |
| 8. Hard | 35. Obedience |
| 9. Provide | 36. Sabbath |
| 10. Promise | 37. Spiritual |
| 11. King, sanctifies | 38. Development |
| 12. Rest | 39. Sanctification |
| 13. Conquered | 40. Spiritual |
| 14. Sin | 41. Works |
| 15. Resurrection | 42. Yield |
| 16. Promiser | 43. Self-effort |
| 17. General | 44. Spiritual |
| 18. Presence | 45. Disobedience |
| 19. Sufficiency | 46. practical |
| 20. Help | |
| 21. Trust | |
| 22. Creator | |
| 23. Cares | |
| 24. Unchangeable | |
| 25. Faith | |
| 26. Creation | |
| 27. Sabbath | |