

“Hebrews #5”

Hebrews 3:16-18 / 4:1-13

Review: Chapter 3:1-15

Last week...

1. V1, we are holy brothers of Christ Jesus and He is not ashamed to be called our brother.
 - a. We are Holy by virtue of His sacrifice, we are made holy by His death.
 - b. Without the shedding of blood there is no sacrifice for sin. (Leviticus)
 - c. Holiness is accomplished by faith, by believing. It is not worked for it is imparted to us...
2. V2, He Jesus is the apostle (sent one) and high priest of our confession.
 - a. Why high priest... why is that important?
 - b. Ultimate and perfect sacrifice, no longer a need for further sacrifice.
3. V3-6 Why the comparison... Jesus versus Moses?
4. V7-15 We or I talked at length about the hardening of the heart and the consequences of a hardened heart.

Because I was so focused on a hardened heart... I skipped over an important truth found in V's 6 and 14 (Read)

- **If...** Lots of controversy over these versus. (Remember he is talking to believers)
- Two basic thoughts. (doctrines)... what do you think?

2 cor. 5:10 (Just one verse)

“Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Albert Mohler: (Calvinist)

“The author of Hebrews and the rest of Scripture teach us that only those who persevere in faith will be saved, and that all who have genuine faith will persevere... Our works neither save us nor keep us saved. Only Christ can save us. We must hold on to our confidence and retain our boast in the Gospel and in the Lord. We do not boast in ourselves and our spiritual achievements. We boast in the cross and in the hope of resurrection.”

V14 *“We have come to share in Christ, if we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”*

- Confident that **Christ** forgives, keeps us, by His grace.

Text 3:16 – 19 (Read)

- What's the operative word in these three versus?
- Unbelief fosters disobedience, they saw His works 40 years... we all believe in something or someone.
- Not to believe in God after seeing His works, is idolatry.
- Rebellion is idolatry. *"I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other Gods."*

Text 4:1-5 (Read)

- V1, we have a promise of entering His rest...
- V3, we who believe enter God's rest...

V4 *"He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: and God rested on the seventh day from all His works."* (What's this mean?)

- What happened on the 6th day?
- Man's 1st full day... rested with God!
- In the garden God came down in the cool of the day...

Text 4: 6-10 (Read)

"If Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day..."

- **Our struggle is to simply believe... we cannot contribute / work for salvation or Gods favor.**
- **That was the struggle these Jews were having, going back to the law.**
- **We will never gain the favor of God thru our own efforts.**

Text 4: 11-13 (Read)

"Let us strive to enter that rest."

- **Strive to enter His rest?**
- **Seem counterintuitive .**
- **How is this accomplished?**

V12 and 13 (THE WORD)

- **It exposes us, our intents... it's the discerner of our thoughts.**
- **Nothing is hidden from the Holy Spirit. (Brings Healing - Rest)**