The Letter To The Hebrews Fear Unbelief And Enter God's Rest Hebrews 3:15—4:10

		And learn from what God says to Israel in Psalm 95					
Jesus — since	And see Jesus' faithfulness to help you in every temptation	Do not let your heart grow hard towards Christ	And don't let others be hard- ened by sin's deceit	Because sin kept Israel from entering God's Rest	There- fore fear sin & unbelief	Because there will be a Sab- bath rest for us	
1:1-2:18	3:1-6	3:7-11	3:12-14	3:15-19	4:1-2	4:3-10	

How should we view sin in our lives? (3:15-19)

Just as Israel's sin, disobedience, and unbelief kept her from the Promised Land — So our sin, disobedience, and unbelief can keep us from the Promised Land.

If you have been genuinely saved, this won't happen. No one who is genuinely saved can lose their salvation, because God will work in our hearts so we take this warning seriously. But the warning is still true — and must be taken seriously.

How should we deal with sin, disobedience, and unbelief? (4:1-3)

We should fear — because even though it's treatable, if we leave it alone, it could keep us from heaven.

But not only should we fear — we should also draw near to the throne of grace (v.16) — where we will receive mercy and find grace to help us, change our hearts, free us.

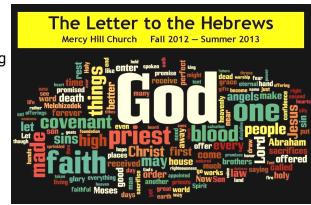
What will we gain if we respond to sin in this way? (4:3-10)

Question: is God's Rest the same as the Promised Land, which would mean it's not part of our future?

Answer: No. Genesis 2 and Psalm 95 show that God's Rest is not the same as the Promised Land — which means it IS part of our future.

It's GOD'S Rest — bringing us into the very presence of God where we will have the joy of knowing Him forever.

And it's God's REST — where we will never again need to battle sin, disobedience, and unbelief — but will rest, in and with God, forever.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

In the past how did you respond when you saw sin rising up in your heart?

Did this passage persuade you that you should see that while sin is treatable — yet if left untreated it could kill you? Why or why not?

In the past how have you tried to overcome sin, disobedience, or unbelief? What approaches BE-SIDES the throne of grace have you tried? What keeps us from drawing near to the throne of grace?

Share about some times when you have drawn near to the throne of grace and experienced Jesus changing your heart and strengthening your faith so you were freed from sin.

Have you ever felt like the battle is not worth it? That it just takes too much effort? Does the thought that one day you will enter God's Rest motivate you? Why or why not?

What sin or unbelief are you dealing with right now? What are you doing about it? What are you going to do about it?

What questions did Sunday's message raise in your mind?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

