

## THE DANGER OF FAILING TO ENTER GOD’S REST 6 (Hebrews 4:9-11)

- 2 Peter 3:15-16

Dr. Michael Halsey in his book *Truthspeak* highlights 5 examples of modern-day, religious, contradictory double-talk. They are:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is twisted to mean \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 11:6)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ is twisted to mean \_\_\_\_\_. (John 19:30)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ is twisted to mean \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Peter 3:9)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is twisted to mean \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 16:31)
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ is twisted to mean \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom.4:4-5)

- How has this double-talk confusion occurred in the understanding of the ‘rest’ in Hebrews 4?

**Warning #3: Do not fail to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God has provided and \_\_\_\_\_ by His \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (4)**

- a. The *subject of this third warning* revolves around the concept of REST.**
- b. The *meaning of “rest”* involves involves...CESSATION OF WORK OR LABOR; FREEDOM FROM WORRIES OR ANXIETIES; SENSE OF CONFIDENCE, PEACE, AND INNER STABILITY INVOLVING DEPENDENCE UPON SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.**
- c. The *provider of this “rest”* is GOD. (4:1b)**
- d. The *warning is for us* to FEAR a failure to COME SHORT of ENTERING into God’s rest. (4:1c)**
- e. The *ongoing promise and possibility of entering God’s rest* REMAINS for you. (4:1a)**
- f. The *good news of God’s rest* is a message He had and still wants PREACHED to believers in the PRESENT just as in the PAST. (4:2a)**
- g. The *means of entering God’s rest* involves more than HEARING / KNOWING God’s Word [as important as that is], but also BELIEVING God’s PROMISES and PRINCIPLES. (4:2b; 5:12-14)**
- h. The *two past illustrations /opportunities to enter God’s rest* involved CREATION and CANAAN. (4:3b-5)**
- i. The *present opportunity to enter God’s rest* still \_\_\_\_\_ available to all believers \_\_\_\_\_, though it is only entered by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:6-9)**

- What is the scriptural rationale to arrive at this conclusion?

- What word is found 5x in this passage, and what is this emphasizing?

**j. The *necessities for entering God's rest* include God's \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ in God's principles and promises, as it involves a willingness for you to \_\_\_\_\_ as God did from His. (4:10)**

- What is needed for you to enter God's rest?

- What does this verse remind us of regarding the Lord Jesus Christ?

- What does this verse remind us of regarding the grace of God?

- What does faith-resting as a believer in Christ involve in this present dispensation?

- 1) It involves resting by faith regarding Jesus Christ's past work via the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_ you in providing victory over the sin nature through your identification in Christ. (Romans 6:1-14)

- 2) It involves resting by faith regarding Jesus Christ's present work via the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_ you in providing daily enablement and spiritual transformation. (Romans 7:15-8:1-7; Gal.5:16; 2 Cor.3:17-18)

- 3) It involves resting by faith regarding Jesus Christ's present work \_\_\_\_ you in carrying your burdens, fighting your battles, and directing your paths. [1 Peter 5:7; Prov.3:5-6]

- 4) It involves resting by faith regarding Jesus Christ's present work \_\_\_\_\_ you in service to the Lord and others. [Col.1:27-29]

- What does this "rest" not mean?

**k. The *first exhortation regarding God's rest* is, "Let us therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to enter that rest, lest \_\_\_\_\_ according to the same example of \_\_\_\_\_." (4:11)**

- What does "be diligent" mean?

- What are we to be diligent about?

- What is the bottom line issue in your daily Christian walk?

- How does all of this apply to you?