

Consider Jesus, Your
Merciful High Priest

Hebrews Chapters 3-4:
Entering His Rest

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What **one word** does the **author** want the Jewish believers to **connect** with **God's rest**?

Hebrews Purpose Statement

Heb. 13:22

They needed to listen to this word of
exhortation

Why Did the Author Write the Recipients?

Believers in persecution need exhortation.

They need to be encouraged to focus on Jesus rather than their circumstances.

Why Did the Author Write the Recipients?

They need to be encouraged to
persevere in their faith.

How does the purpose of Hebrews
relate to Chapters 3 and 4?

These chapters are about entering His
rest.

The author call the recipients to **hold
fast** until the end.

What do you learn about “rest?”

3:11

God said that they [those with **hard hearts**] will not enter His rest.

Canaan

What do you learn about “rest?”

3:18-19

The **disobedient** were not able to enter
because of **unbelief**.

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:1

A **promise remains**/still stands of entering His rest.

Let us **fear** lest any one of you should seem to have **come short** of it.

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:6

It [rest] remains for **some** to enter it

They failed to enter because of
disobedience

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:8

Joshua did not give them rest

There is another day

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:9

A **Sabbath** rest for God’s people remains

Sabbatismos

A rest as on the Sabbath

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:10

It's a rest from one's own **works**

As **God** rested from His own **works**

What do you learn about “rest?”

4:11

Be **diligent** to enter that rest

Lest anyone **fall** through disobedience

What do you learn about “the Sabbath rest?”

Gen. 2:1-3

God rested on the 7th day from His work of creation

What do you learn about “the Sabbath rest?”

Ex. 20:8-11

10 Commandments

No work on 7th day, the Sabbath

Keep it holy

Separate from other days

What do you learn about “the
Sabbath rest?”

Ex. 31:12-17

Sabbath—**sign** between God and Israel
They know **He** is the one who **sanctifies**
them

Perpetual covenant between God and
Israel

What do you learn about “the Sabbath rest?”

Ex. 31:12-17

Anyone **not keeping** the sabbath...

Cut off

Put to death

What do you learn about “the
Sabbath rest?”

Ezek. 20:1-24

Sabbath—**sign** between God and Israel

God’s **wrath** poured out

On those who did not keep His sabbath
in the wilderness

What do you learn about “the
Sabbath rest?”

Ezek. 20:1-24

Their **children** did the same thing

He **scattered** them among the nations

Rest for One's Soul—When?

Mt. 11:28-30

Salvation

Rest from one's own work
Follow the Lord in His work

Rest for One's Soul—When?

Mt. 11:28-30

Jesus' Reign

As King over all the earth

All the Jews look forward to this

Time of restoration for kingdom of Israel

Promised in the Prophets

Rest for One's Soul—When?

Mt. 11:28-30

Jesus' Reign

Recipients knew these promises
Joshua didn't give them this rest

Time of rest for all believers

Jew and Gentile

Rest for One's Soul—When?

Mt. 11:28-30

New Heaven and New Earth

All things will be new

No more sin and death

A time of complete rest

God's Word: Context

Hebrews 4:12-13

Heb. 1:1-3 God **spoke**

Heb. 2:1-3 Pay close **attention**

No escape if neglect the **word** of
salvation

God's Word: Context

Hebrews 4:12-13

Heb. 3:1 Consider Jesus, the **Apostle**

Heb. 3:7-4:7 If you **hear** His **voice**, don't
harden your heart

God's Word: Context

Hebrews 4:12-13

Heb. 4:2-5 Good news **preached**

Unite with faith

Heb. 4:12 God's word is alive

Able to judge the heart

God's Word: Context

Hebrews 4:12-13

Warning: listen to what God said in His
Word

No one escapes the eyes of the Lord

Hold Fast

Heb. 3:6, 14; 4:14; 10:23 **Hold fast**

Heb. 6:1 **Press on**

Heb. 4:16; 7:19, 25; 10:1, 22 **Draw near**