

Hebrew 4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

4:2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

4:3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4:4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

4:5 and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."

4:6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

4:7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

4:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

4:10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Good morning everyone. This is the last service of June.

The rainy season started at the end of May, so it has already been a month since we entered the rainy season. It may be time for the rainy season to come to an end. It has been a hot and humid day, so please be careful of heat stroke and drink plenty of water.

Now, we have entered the fourth chapter of the book of Hebrews.

It is meticulously told to the Jews to tell them about Jesus over angels and Jesus over Moses, so that they can accept His salvation without stumbling over Him.

In chapter 3, the previous chapter spoke with much fanfare, "If you have heard His voice today, do not harden your hearts, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when you turned away from God." And He said, "I am angry with them, and I am angry with them. He also said, "I am angry and have sworn that I will not let them enter my rest. Many died in the wilderness without ever seeing the Promised Land, while others, with hardened hearts, took 40 years to reach it in just over a month.

It was written that they should abandon disobedience and unbelief and rely on Jesus, the Savior and guide who surpassed Moses. And it continues in chapter 4, speaking of it with great care.

1 Let us therefore take heed lest any of you should fail to enter, even though the promise of God's rest should still abide.

God mercifully still keeps alive the promise to enter His rest, even though He has said many times, "I am angry and have sworn that I will not let them enter My rest." Therefore, the Bible tells us to beware lest there be any among you who fail to enter.

2 For the gospel has been preached to us as well as to them. But the Word which they heard was of no avail to them. But the word which they heard was of no avail to them, because it was not joined by faith to those who heard it.

It is written of a people who once received the miracle of the Exodus, but were hardened in heart and wandered in the wilderness in disobedience. It says that the voice of God that spoke to them at that time, the Word of God, was of no avail to them. For those with stubborn hearts, God's words were of no help, did not work, were not beneficial, and were of no avail. Why was this so? It says that it was because they did not connect God's Word to their faith, belief, trust in God, and conscience.

God's Word will not help us, do things, or benefit us if we do not connect it to our faith, to our trust and to our conscience. As we will see later, we are told that we cannot receive God's power and salvation through His Word unless we respond and respond to His Word with the power of His Word that "pierces the spirit and the soul, the joints and the marrow to the point of separating them. In other words, we can understand that the wonderful medicine of the Word that saves us cannot exert its power unless it penetrates deep into our hearts and marrow.

1 Let us therefore take heed lest any of you should fail to enter into God's rest, even though the promise still stands.

2 For the gospel has been preached to us as well as to them. But the Word which they heard was of no avail to them. For it was not joined by faith to those who heard it.

When faith from the depths of our hearts, when our trust in God is formed, when our good hearts are strengthened, when the Word is bound to us, the Word does not end in futility, but saves us, helps us, does things, and is useful to us. Therefore, we want our hearts to be open to God's Word, not hardened, but honest, softened, and illuminated by it to the very depths of our hearts, and to respond to it.

6 For there remains to them an opportunity to enter that rest, and those who preached the gospel in the beginning did not enter because of their disobedience,

7 And again God appointed a day as "today," and after a long time, He said through David, as we have already quoted, "If you have heard His voice today, do not harden your hearts.

When the gospel was first preached. At the time of Moses. They did not enter into rest because of their disobedience. But after a long time, at the time of David, God again told the people, "If you have heard His voice today, do not harden your hearts.

8 If Joshua had let them rest, God could not have spoken later about the other days.

9 This is why the Sabbath rest is still left for God's people.

10 For he that hath entered into God's rest hath rested himself, even as God hath rested from his work.

11 Let us therefore strive to enter into this rest. Otherwise, some may fall away following the same bad example of disobedience.

Joshua took the people to the Promised Land, the land of rest, and the words here, "if Joshua had rested them," point to the fact that here is a rest greater than the rest that Joshua gave the people. There is a rest here that is greater than the rest Joshua gave his people, a rest on earth that is greater than that, a rest in heaven.

In an effort to enter into that greatly superior rest, the Bible tells us to enter into a wonderful rest, and to be careful that no one falls away from the promise of salvation, not following the demons of former disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, sharper than a brittle-edged pickaxe, piercing the spirit and the soul, the joints and the marrow, until it separates them, and is able to discern the thoughts and aspirations of the heart.

As mentioned earlier, for us, the Word is alive, powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the point of separating the mind from the spirit, the soul from the joints and the marrow, and discerning the thoughts and aspirations of the heart. Unless we connect this Word with the conviction of our hearts, our faith, our trust in God, and our conscience from the depths of our hearts, and unless we receive the Word in this way, we will not be able to respond to it. We must fear God's living and powerful Word, which is living and powerful, and which is so sharp that it cuts to the heart and soul, the deepest and most indistinguishable parts of the mind and spirit, in two sharp and clear cuts. Separate the joints from the marrow. For the joints and marrow, they are one and the same, front and back, but it is difficult to know to what extent they are joints and to what extent they are marrow. 13 And in the sight of God, there is no difference between the two.

13 And in the sight of God there is no creature that is not manifest; all things are naked and visible in his sight. To this God we must make an open statement.

Yes, we must make a statement to this God, saying, "In the sight of God, nothing is naked or exposed. There is no creature that is not naked in the sight of God, and all things are naked and exposed in his sight. To this God we must open our hearts. How can we explain ourselves to the One who knows our innermost thoughts and feelings, our intentions and aspirations, and everything we are thinking and intend to do, and who knows everything we do and everything we are thinking, like an X-ray. How can we explain ourselves to the One who knows all our innermost being and all our actions like an X-ray?"

14 Now since we have Jesus, the Son of God, our High Priest, who has passed through all the heavens, let us firmly defend the faith we confess.

And there He appears, our Lord Jesus.

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Philippians 2:6 Christ, being in the form of God, did not consider it a thing to be held in equality with God, but was made in the likeness of God, that He might be glorified through the power of the Holy Spirit,

2:7 Instead, He humbled Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God exalted him, and gave him a name above every name.

2:10 For at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth,

2:11 And that every tongue might confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord," and return glory to God the Father.

I am reminded of this song of praise.

Lord I Lift Your Name on High Psalm 148:13

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For salvation you have come

To give us the way of salvation

You came down from heaven

Through the cross, you raised me from the dead

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Jesus did not persist in sitting on the throne of God in heaven, but became man and came down from heaven to live with us, became man and served others, became a substitute for their sins, went to the cross, descended to the grave, descended to Hades, rose again on the third day, and later ascended to heaven and returned to His rightful place at the right hand of God the Father. He ascended to heaven and returned to the right hand of God the Father. Praise the Lord who has thus moved down and up for us.

14 Now since we have Jesus, the Son of God, our High Priest, who has passed through all the heavens, let us hold fast the faith we confess.

As the saying goes, "He went through fields and valleys," Jesus went through the heavens, descended into Hades, and returned triumphantly to heaven again. We are proud and thankful for Jesus who came for us through the various heavens, and we wish to confess this Person always and powerfully.

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know one man in Christ, who was born in the third degree fourteen years ago. This man was taken up to the third heaven fourteen years ago--whether it was in the body, I know not. Whether it was in the body, I know not; nor whether it was out of the body, I know not. God knows.

15 For this High Priest is not of such a man that he cannot be mindful of our infirmities. He did not sin, but was tried in all things as we are.

Yes, He did. He is the One who knows everything about us, yet He is also the One who knows our shallowness, our selfishness, our egoism, our selfishness, our selfishness, our selfishness in our thoughts, our actions, our thoughts, and our aspirations, and He knows all our weaknesses, yet He is unable to be compassionate about them. He knows all our weaknesses, but He is not a compassionate person. He is the One of compassion. He is the One who has sympathy for us.

16 Let us therefore draw near unhesitatingly unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and timely help in grace.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace without flinching to receive help, to obtain a lifeline, to receive timely help in grace.

Let us not hesitate to approach the throne of grace to receive mercy, to receive timely help in grace, to lean on our Lord who sent us to lift up the helpless and weak.

Only by grace, only by salvation, only by mercy are we saved. For us there is this merciful High Priest and intercessor.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with openness, boldness, confidence, and certainty, without flinching, and with a clear mind, no longer wavering, but approaching the throne of grace to be given timely, timely help. Let us give thanks to God, for we are loved and chosen by Jesus, we have approached the throne of grace, we have received guidance and salvation together, and we are indeed now in rest and will continue to enter into heavenly rest. Only by grace and mercy have we been made such. Let us not be stubborn in our hearts, but let us receive the power of the living and powerful Word deep into our hearts and bones, receiving its guidance before God, who knows all things, today and every day after today, and let us not just listen to the Word and forget about it, or stray from the Word at the critical moment. Let us not just listen to the Word and forget it, or stray from it at the critical moment, but let us lean on the power of the Word, keep it and do it, and when we fail in our weakness, let us return to the presence of the Lord with an offering of repentance at each moment and receive timely help, healing, encouragement and comfort by taking the throne of grace. We give thanks to the Lord forever.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. Even though the gospel has been given to us, yet we are hardened in heart, not accepting it with faith, and trying to go our own way, God, though He sees us, still sympathizes with our weakness and gives us timely help because of His mercy and grace. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy and grace. Thank you that we have a great High Priest, Jesus, the Son of God, who always defends and defends us. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.