

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **4;1-10**

1. Study **V1-5** of chapter **4** and give your commentary of those 5 verses; **God made a promise of rest, but it is not by hearing the word alone but applying it to our life through faith. Knowing something is not the same thing as believing it. From the very beginning God promised rest to those who would believe, His nature is that of reconciliation.**
 - a. If this epistle is written to believers what is the rest that still remains? **Those who heard and have a head knowledge, but don't have a heart knowledge, applying it to their life in by faith. Faith is more sure than the tangible things we can see as they are often a fraud.**
 - b. How could the Word not profit some people? **You can hear the Word, memorize the Word, but without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith without works is dead.**
 - c. How have beliers entered His rest, and who are those His wrath is going to come to? **Those who believe in their heart Jesus is Lord of their life enter His rest no matter how far they have to go. His wrath will come on the religious, those who know Christ only as a religious symbol.**
 - d. What is the correlation between God resting on the 7th day and those who would never enter His rest? **God rested on the seventh day because His word was completed, those who don't enter His rest are those who don't accept His finished work.**
2. Now put **V6-10** in your own words; **the law was given to the people to show them God's requirements to enter His rest. The problem is that no one can keep the Law, therefore their remains a rest for those who have the faith to accept the completed work of Christ. He is not like their High Priest who**

had to offer continued sacrifice but offered a sacrifice that was so perfect it never has to be repeated again.

- a. Who are those who did not enter His rest, and who are those who must enter? As mentioned those who don't enter His rest are those who are trying to do it on their own, those who must enter His rest are all of mankind.
- b. "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." What does this mean today? We can hear His voice but allow the cares, lusts and desires for this world to cause us to harden our hearts to His free gift. Today is the day of salvation, often those who wait until tomorrow, tomorrow never comes.
- c. Why couldn't Joshua give them rest, and what is the other day he was speaking of? Joshua couldn't give them rest for the reasons we have mentioned, no one can be saved by doing the right thing, but one would be coming the Christ who would do it for us.
- d. How do we cease from our work if we enter His rest? We cease from our work but not trying, but walking in the victory already won for us. We can't but He can.