"There Remains Therefore a Sabbath Rest"

Intro: In a godly and loving pastoral concern for the souls of the Hebrew peoples the Author of this letter preached the gospel of _________ Christ, proclaiming His Supremacy over and above all that the Hebrew peoples held dear and might have mistakenly believed in for their _________.

A. To encourage them in their response to God’s Word he reminded them of their nations’ history, warning them ______ to ______ the mistake made by the generation of the Exodus.

B. The question is before us, “_______ does the ______ that was promised the people of the Exodus and their missed opportunity have to do with us today?”

C. As the Author proves that the _________ of God is and always has been faith-based so does He continue to call upon the hearer to respond to the voice of God in _______ in Jesus, rather than disobediently hardening their hearts in the faithless way of their forefathers.

I. The _________ ________ for some to enter into God’s promised rest.

A. The promise of God’s _______ and the availability of His rest remains even today for God _________ it through David long after the people of the Exodus.

1. But it remains _______ _______ ______ certain _______: Today!

B. The promise of God’s inner rest of the soul remains because it was ______ realized _________ _________.

C. The promised ______ that remains and for which it remains for some to enter is a _________ rest.
1. What rest is this Sabbath rest? MacArthur writes, “God’s ______ is not essentially physical at all. Certainly, resting in God and trusting in His promises can relieve us of nervousness, tenseness, and other physical problems. But these are the by-products of His rest. ... The rest God promises is ___________ ... . Whatever physical or earthly benefits the Lord may give us, His basic promise is to give us spiritual rest, spiritual blessing. Some of God’s most faithful believers are the busiest, the hardest working, and sometimes even the most afflicted people imaginable. Yet they are in God’s ___________ rest.”

D. This Sabbath rest remains ______ ______ ______ of God.

1. Do you ______ His voice? Will you believe Him at His Word? Will you ___________ in His only begotten Son Jesus? You have heard the good news, now what will you do? As Rom 1:16-17 tells us, The gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall ______ by faith.’” Will you believe Him?

E. God calls to us to respond and respond we must. That is what ______ does. Faith ________ to God in faith believing that Jesus is the Christ!

Closing Encouragement: There remains therefore a Sabbath ______ for all who will believe. If you have entered in, then rest! If not, then diligently strive to ________ in today through faith in Christ. The Spirit of God says, “_______ if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.”

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