

WHAT'S IT THERE FOR? Hebrews 3:1-4:13

1. TO CONSIDER JESUS

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. **Hebrews 3:1-3**

"but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end." **Hebrews 3:6**

2. THERE IS A WAR FOR OUR HEARTS

"Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "<u>Today</u> if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years. **Hebrews 3:7-9**

"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere **heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." **Hebrews 10:19-22**

3. OUR ENDURANCE

"Take care, brethren, that there not be <u>in</u> any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we **hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end**,"Hebrews 3:12-14

• We endure in the community of others

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," **Hebrews 3:13**

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

4. REST

"Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His **rest**, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not **united by faith** in those who heard. For we who have believed enter that **rest**, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My **rest**," **Hebrews 4:1-3**

So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter **that rest**, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. **Hebrews 4:9-11**

5. GOD'S WORD IS POWERFUL

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." **Hebrews 4:12-13**

6. IT IS FOR TODAY