

## HEBREWS 4

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#### THE WRITER DISCUSSES ENTERING GOD'S REST TODAY

1 So then, we should never be seized with fear while a promise remains to enter into the Rest *that is* His. Anyone from among you might seem to have been lastingly left behind; 2 for, we also are ones who have been lastingly evangelized, just as also they.

However, the Word, consisting of the thing heard, did NOT benefit those *people* – the ones who had not been lastingly commingled with the Faith with respect to the ones who had heard *it*. 3 For, we – *that is*, the ones who have believed – have entered into the Rest, just as He has lastingly said, **“As I swore in connection with the Wrath that is Mine, ‘Surely it shall not happen that they shall enter into the Rest that is Mine,’ ”**<sup>1</sup> although the Works had been brought into being from a foundation of a created order.

4 For, He has lastingly said somewhere concerning the Seventh Day in this way: **“And, the God rested on the Day – that is, the Seventh Day – from all the Works that were His.”**<sup>2</sup> 5 And, in connection with this again *He has lastingly said*, **“Surely it shall not happen that they shall enter into the Rest that is Mine.”**<sup>3</sup>

6 So then, since it is left undisputed that some enter into it, and the ones who were evangelized formerly did not enter on account of disobedience, 7 He again determines some day – *namely*, TODAY, by agency of David saying after so long a time just as he had lasting said<sup>4</sup>, **“TODAY, if ever you might hear the voice that is His, you should not harden the Hearts that are yours.”**<sup>5</sup>

8 For, if Joshua had given them rest, he would not ever be speaking beyond another *rest* after these days.

9 So then, an observation of days of rest has been left over for the People of the God. 10 For, the one who has gone into the Rest *that is* His also he, *for his part*, has rested from the work *that is* his, just the God *rested* from His own *work*.

11 So then, endeavor to enter into that – *that is*, the Rest; lest in connection with it anyone might fall by means of an example of the Disobedience.

#### THE WRITER REFERS

#### TO THE NATURE OF THE WORD OF THE GOD

12 For, the Word of the God *is one which keeps on living*. And, *it is* effective and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as both a dividing

- of psyche and spirit, and
- of joints and marrow, and
- critical considerations and intentions of a heart.

#### THE WRITER REFERS TO THE OMNISCIENCE OF THE GOD

13 And, there is not a creature unseen in front of Him, but all *are* naked and have been lastingly laid bare to the eyes *that are* His; in the presence of Whom for us *there is* the Reckoning.

#### THE WRITER DESCRIBES THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS

14 So then, having a high priest – *that is*,  
 ➤ a great one,  
 ➤ one Who has lastingly passed through the Heavens,  
 ➤ Jesus,  
 ➤ the Son of the God,  
 let us hold fast the Confession.

15 For, we do not have a high priest – *that is*, one who is not able to sympathize with the weaknesses *that are* ours but one who has been lastingly tempted in relation to all things, as far as likeness *is concerned*, without a moral failing.

#### THE WRITER ENCOURAGES A PROPER RESPONSE

#### TO THESE THINGS

16 So then, let us keep on coming forward with fearlessness to the Throne of the Grace, with the result that

- we might receive mercy and
  - we might find grace
- until a well-timed help.

<sup>1</sup> A reference to Psalm 95:11

<sup>2</sup> A reference to Genesis 2:2

<sup>3</sup> A reference to Psalm 95:11

<sup>4</sup> 92% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of

transmission (f35), have 'lastingly said' here. On the basis of 5% the NU has 'lastingly said beforehand'.

<sup>5</sup> A reference to Psalm 95:7-8