

WALK WITH GOD AND BE BLAMELESS

Entering into the portal, the pathway of the Spirit will bring us into all that God has purposed, predetermined and planned for us. It is more than protection, provisions and promises.

God leads us out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

Unfortunately we will have to pass through the wilderness – a place of testings, trying and temptation. It would have taken them only a few months in total to move out of Egypt and moved into the Promised Land. But it took them 40 years instead. Why?

1. An Analysis Of Their Failure

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS ^[b]WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,

AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

⁹ WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me,

AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

¹⁰ “THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,

AND SAID, ‘THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART,

AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS’;

¹¹ AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

‘THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.’”

Hebrews 3:7-11

a. Hear and heed the One who spoke from heaven.

Attitude of reverence and awe (would have saved them)

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²^[a]in these last days has spoken to us ^[b]in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[c]world.

Hebrews 1:1-2

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to ^[a]what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved ^[b]unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just ^[c]penalty, ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? ^[d]After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various ^[e]miracles and by ^[f]gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

Hebrews 2:1-4

² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word ^[a]they heard did not profit them, because ^[b]it was not united by faith in those who heard.

Hebrews 4:2

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, ^[i]much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.”²⁷ This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us ^[i]show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:25-29

b. Explicit Obedience From Our Heart

A lifestyle of Obedience (would have protected them)

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart ^[c]that falls away from the living God. ¹³ 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.

Hebrews 3:12-13

¹¹ *Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.*

⁶ *Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,*

Hebrews 4:11,6

³ *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,”*

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 4:3

¹⁸ *And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

Hebrews 3:18

c. Do Not Hardened Our Hearts

A new way of living (would have positioned them)

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.

Hebrews 4:1

¹² *Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart ^[c]that falls away from the living God.*

Hebrews 3:12

¹⁹ *So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.*

Hebrews 3:19

¹³ *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*

Hebrews 3:13

d. Guard Our Heart From Going Astray

⁷ *Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,*

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⁸ *DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS ^[b]WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,*

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Hebrews 3:7-11

They provoked Him, tried and tested Him. They were always going astray in their hearts because they do not know His ways. They had no fear of God. They were complacent and became sluggish towards their respond to God and His words.

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.

Hebrews 4:1

¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11

2. An Urgent Response Needed

a. A Promise remains of entering His rest (Lack of Action)

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.

Hebrews 4:1

b. There remains a Sabbath Rest for the people of God (Lack of hope)

⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Hebrews 4:9

c. Must be diligent to enter that rest (Lack of diligence)

¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11

d. It remains for some to enter this rest (Lack of strategy)

⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,

Hebrews 4:6

e. We who have believed have enter that rest (Lack of courage)

³ 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 4:3

f. For the one who has entered His rest has ceased from his own labours (lack of lifestyle choices)

³ 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 4:3

g. They failed to enter His rest (Lack of accurate revelation knowledge)

⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,

Hebrews 4:6

h. They were not able to enter His rest (Lack of capability)

¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:19

i. They would not enter His rest (Lack of willingness)

¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

Hebrews 3:18

j. They shall not enter His rest (Lack of divine approval)

¹¹ AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'

Hebrews 3:11

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Hebrews 4:3

3. Internalizing The Word

The Word of God

¹² 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.

Hebrews 4:12

- Is living (gives life, growth, it lives)
- Is Active (It gets involved, intervenes)
- Sharper (In affective work in us)

The Word of God

- Is piercing (its precision, accuracy, no compromise)
- Is Dividing (its discerning ability, know boundaries, limitations)
- Is Judging (It evaluates, keeps standards and measurement)

The Word of God

- Is approving (intentions are weight upon. It provides God's favor for a life time.)
- Is enlightening (nothing is hidden, throws light on our path)
- Is cleansing – (pure in His sight, recreate a blameless person)

The Impact of Internalizing the Word

1. Creates a greater consciousness of God

We are in His light and are awe struck by His Presence

¹³ 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 4:13

2. Releases His love and the compassion of God

God is merciful and kind towards those who seek and yield to Him.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

3. Adjusts and aligns us in the connections with God

An honest heart seeking to devote our lives to serve Him fully.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

4. Inspires our confidence in God

Boasts of our hope from beginning until the end.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14,

⁶ 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

5. Throws light on the conscience of men

We learn to sense the inner witness and the Holy Spirit's guidance to keep us pure in His sight.

¹² 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

Hebrews 4:12

6. Brings deeper convictions of God

Move from one level to another level of glory. We raise the standards of personal holiness.

¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11

7. Yielded to the cleansing of God

A new desire for consecration and being the foundation for actions and doing.

¹² 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

Hebrews 4:12

8. Approves the confessions of men

He has spoken so that we can say what He has said. Spoken by faith, inspired by hope.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

9. Let us make choices in God.

Choices have consequences, conditions to fulfill and instructions to follow.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

10. Become the agent of change for God

Receive grace and mercy to help others. We lay the pattern for lifestyle modeling.

¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16