



Hebrews: God has spoken...

2. A Little Lower than the Angels

1. Jesus is appointed heir of all things
2. Through him God made the worlds (*the ages*)
3. He is the brightness of God's glory
4. The express image of His person
5. He upholds all things by the word of his power
6. By himself he purged our sins, and then...
7. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.



Seven Quotations

... **having become** so much better than the angels, **as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they (Hebrews 1:4).**

No	Hebrews	Source	Remarks
1	1:5a	Psalms 2:7	Applicable to birth/baptism/resurrection
2	1:5b	2 Samuel 7:14	The Davidic covenant: Christ a son, not a servant
3	1:6	Psalms 97:7 (LXX Deut 32:43)	In the world to come angels will demonstrate their allegiance to the Lord Jesus
4	1:7	Psalms 104:4	The angels are servants, doing God's will in way that wind and fire obey Him
5	1:8-9	Psalms 45:6-7	The marriage of the King to his bride.
6	1:10-12	Psalms 102:25-27	Jesus has always been at the centre of God's purpose, including the Jewish heaven/earth
7	1:13	Psalms 110:1	Jesus is seated at the right hand of God until...

Warnings in Hebrews

1	Hebrews 2:1-3	Don't drift away from what you have heard
2	3:6	Hold fast to your confidence and rejoice!
3	4:1-2, 4-6	Don't come short, but believe God!
4	5:11-12	Don't be dull: grow in your understanding
5	10:25-31	Don't neglect the meetings or sin wilfully
6	10:38-39	Don't draw back
7	12:15-16	Don't fall short of the grace of God
8	12:25	Don't refuse to listen

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away ... (Hebrews 2:1).









For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, **how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,** which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard him (Hebrews 2:2–3).



For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels... (Hebrews 2:5).



1 Corinthians 6:3

Revelation 5:10



Hebrews 2:6-8 citing Psalm 8

God has spoken...



Adam



Jesus

PIÑATA



But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, **for the suffering of death** crowned with glory and honour, that he, by the grace of God, **might taste death for everyone**. For it was fitting for him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings** (Hebrews 2:9–10).



For both he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are **all of one** ... (Hebrews 2:11).

For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified **all have one source** (ESV)

For a consecrating priest and those whom he consecrates are **all of one stock** (NEB)

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are **of the same family** (NIV)

For both he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are **all from one Father** (NASB; Amp.)



For both he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; **for which reason he is not ashamed to call them brethren** (Hebrews 2:11 NASB)

... to the saints and faithful **brethren in Christ** [*adelphos en Christos*] who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father (Colossians 1:2).

THEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession ... (Hebrews 3:1).



Brethren in Christ

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1	2:12	Psalms 22:22	The faith of a Saviour : his very first thought was for others!
2	2:13a	Psalms 18:2; 2 Sam 22:3	The faith of a King
3	2:13b	Isaiah 8:17-18	The faith of a Prophet



All of one... (2:11)

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared in the same, **that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil (2:14).

The devil = that which has the power of death

Heb 9:26; Romans 5:21; 6:6,23; 8:2; I Cor 15:56; James 1:15; 1 John 5:16-17



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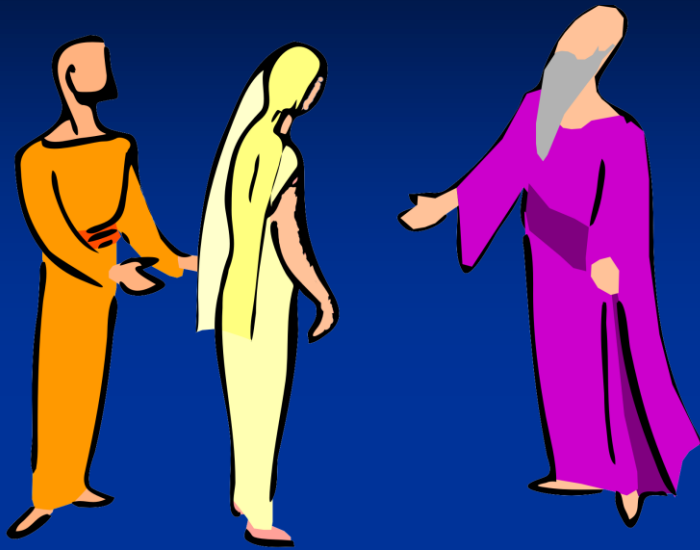




Therefore, holy brethren,
partakers of the heavenly
calling, consider the
Apostle and High Priest
of our confession, Christ
Jesus, who was **faithful** to
Him who appointed Him,
as Moses also was **faithful**
in all His house...

(Hebrews 3:1–2).





“Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with **My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house**. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against **My servant Moses?**”
(Numbers 12:5–10).



God's People under Moses

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and

Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt..." (Numbers 14:1-4).



God's People under Moses

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: **“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways’ ”** (Hebrews 3:7–10).



Exodus 17:7



Today, if you will hear His voice:
“Do not harden your hearts, as
in the rebellion [Meribah], as in
the day of trial [Massah] in the
wilderness, when your fathers
tested Me; they tried Me, though
they saw My work. For forty
years I was grieved with that
generation, and said, ‘It is a
people who go astray in their
hearts, and they do not know My
ways.’ So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’”
(Psalm 95:6–11).



Exodus 17:7



“You shall not at all do as we are doing here today— every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes— for as yet you have not come to the **rest** and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you **rest** from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety, then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide (Deuteronomy 12:8–11).



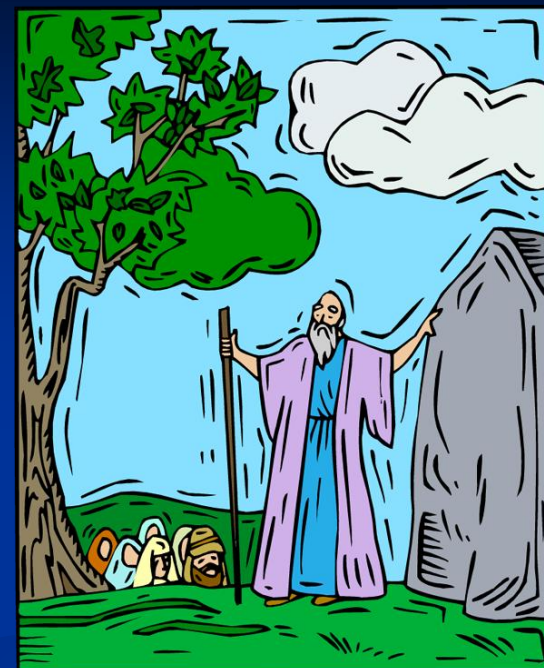
And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘**The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.**’ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valour, and help them... (Joshua 1:12–14).



Joshua



Now it came to pass, a long time after **the LORD had given rest** to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age. And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them: “I am old, advanced in age. You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God is He who has fought for you...” (Joshua 23:1–3).



Hebrews 3 & 4 analysis

3:12,13

Israel in the wilderness had an evil heart of unbelief. They were deceived by sin.

3:17

That sin led to their destruction, because of their lack of faith.

4:2

The gospel was preached to them, but they didn't believe it.

4:3

If we believe, we can find that rest which has always been part of God's plan from the beginning.

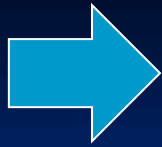
4:7-8

Joshua didn't give them lasting rest, or David would not have been offering it to Israel (in Psalm 95).

4:9-10

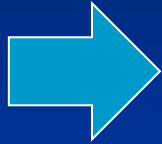
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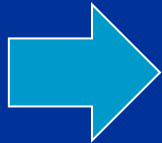
God instituted **REST** at Creation (Heb 4:4)

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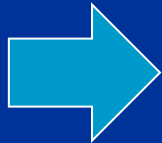
Moses promises them **rest**

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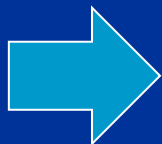
Joshua says they have **rest**

1000 BC



David urges his people to find **rest** (Psalm 95)

65 AD



We can now find that **REST** with God (4:9-10)



...exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13).

Today, if you will hear His voice: “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial, in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, ‘It is a people who **go astray in their hearts**, and they do not know My ways.’ So I swore in My wrath, **‘They shall not enter My rest’**” (Psalm 95:6–11).

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There remains therefore a rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:9).



Rest awhile!



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God has spoken...



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There remains therefore a rest for the people of God
**For he who has entered His rest has himself also
ceased from his works as God did from His**
(Hebrews 4:9-10).



And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done... (Genesis 2:2).



As reflected in various ancient Near Eastern accounts, divine rest is associated with temple building. God's purpose for the earth is that it should become his dwelling place; it is not simply made to house his creatures ... The concept of the earth as a divine sanctuary, which is developed further in 2:4–25, runs throughout the whole Bible (The ESV Study Bible).

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Not relying on the Law

Not engaging in the works of the flesh

“The rest that God wants us to enjoy is unbroken fellowship with God and absolute freedom from sin”



Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls**. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28–30).

