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|   | 1God’s promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. **2**For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn’t share the faith of those who listened to God. **3**For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, “In my anger I took an oath: ‘They will never enter my place of rest,’” even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. **4**We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: “On the seventh day God rested from all his work.” **5**But in the other passage God said, “They will never enter my place of rest.” **6**So God’s rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. **7**So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts.” **8**Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. **9**So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. **10**For all who have entered into God’s rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world. **11**So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall. |
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**THE GREATER REST OF THE GOSPEL vs1-11**1. The daily rest of trusting God vs the greater rest of salvation vs1
2. How was the gospel offered to the children of Israel if Christ came thousands of years later? vs2
3. How do we enter this greater rest? vs3
4. How is this gospel rest illustrated in God’s creation of the world? vs4
5. Does this reference to the Sabbath mean Saturday? vs5-7
6. The daily rest of trusting God = entering the promised land (last chapter), the eternal rest of believing the gospel = entering salvation vs8-9
7. Is the use of the word Sabbath exhorting us to Sabbath observance? Who was given the commandment to observe the Sabbath as a holy day? Do we then have to become Jewish in order to be saved? What labor do we rest from when we believe the gospel? vs10-11
8. The exhortation is to focus on Jesus Christ and not the law. Though we are in another chapter, it is important to keep in mind the AIM and AUDIENCE so that we correctly interpret this text.
9. This chapter is a great apologetic against those who fall into the legalistic belief of Sabbath observance.
10. JESUS IS GREATER THAN THE SABBATH! HE IS LORD OF THE SABBATH. AND IT IS ULTIMATELY FULFILLED IN HIM! Matthew 12:8, Colossians 2:16-17, Mark 2:27
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