

# Hebrews 3:7-4:11

LESSON 08

## Entering God's Rest

### 1. Numbers 13-14

- a. The provocation, the time of temptation is back in the wilderness
- b. Numbers 13 selects 12 men to spy out the land, and 10 give an evil report
- c. Numbers 14 tells how unbelieving Israel condemns themselves not following Moses, Joshua, and Aaron - Num 14:2-5; (cf. Heb 3:1)
- d. They do not enter into the land because of unbelief - Num 14:26-34

### 2. Hebrews 3:6-19 - Confidence Unto the End

- a. 3:6 - "*whose house are we, if...*" - there are conditional statements all over Heb 3-4
- b. What is their confidence? - Heb 3:6, 3:14, 10:35... compare to 1 John 2:28; 3:18-21
- c. Peter talks about "the end" also - 1 Pet 1:9, 1:13, Rev 2:26
- d. Heb 3:7-11 makes the connection between Ps 95:7-11 and the time of Hebrews
- e. There is prophetic pattern here (a foreshadowing) - Micah 7:14-15, Hos 2:14-15

### 3. Hebrews 4:1-2 - The Gospel Preached

- a. "*Let us fear*" - Why? Because they have a promise that they can lose
- b. "*unto us was the gospel preached*" - Which gospel? Not the gospel of grace
- c. Remember Hebrews 2:3-4 (and Gal 1:11) - Paul's gospel is not found in Numbers
- d. The gospel of the kingdom - "the time is fulfilled" - Matt 4:23, Mk 1:14, Acts 7:17
- e. The time of restitution and refreshing is when Christ returns - Acts 3:19-20
- f. The hope of the gospel in Hebrews is the kingdom hope

### 4. Hebrews 4:3-11 - My Rest

- a. The promised "rest" of God is received by the Hebrews that believe
- b. God's rest is found in Gen 2:2-3, upon which Sabbath was patterned - Exo 31:16-17
- c. 4:5 - Psa 95:11 refers to the rest of the promised land in Numbers
- d. 4:6 - There was still a rest to be entered in Numbers that required belief - Josh 1:13
- e. 4:7 - David speaks of a certain day even after Numbers and Joshua - "To day"
- f. "My rest" defined in Acts 7:49, Isa 66:1, & Psa 132:14 as Israel's kingdom come
- g. 4:8 - Joshua is the same name as Jesus meaning Saviour / Deliverer
- h. 4:9 - The "rest" is yet future from the time of Hebrews
- i. 4:10 - Until they enter the rest, works are needed, but not after
- j. 4:11 - This audience must labour to enter into rest, we are told to work not (Rom 4:5); we have peace with God (Rom 5:1); are complete in him (Col 2:10); and that nothing separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus - Rom 8:37-39

## Conditional Standing in Hebrews 3 & 4

1. "if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." - Heb 3:6
2. "they shall not enter into my rest" - Heb 3:11
3. "lest ....an evil hear of unbelief, in departing from the living God" - Heb 3:12
4. "lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" - Heb 3:13
5. "we are made partakers... if we hold... unto the end" - Heb 3:14
6. "they could not enter in because of unbelief" - Heb 3:19
7. "let us fear, lest... any of you should seem to come short of it" - Heb 4:1
8. "let us labour therefore to enter into that rest... lest..." - Heb 4:11