

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

- True or False: Hebrews is a letter of exhortation.
 - True. 13:22
 - Exhortation: “a calling to one’s side”; an appeal, entreaty, encouragement, consolation and comfort; an urging to pursue a certain course of conduct; can include warnings
- Why was this letter written?
 - This letter was written to urge Hebrew brethren in Christ to persevere *in Christ* and to not fall back into Judaism
 - In order to do that, warnings and encouragement are given interspersed with argumentation to show why – to demonstrate the superiority of Christ

HEBREWS: “BETTER”

1. The Better Messenger: The Son
2. The Better Apostle
3. The Better High Priest
4. The Better Covenant
5. The Better Sacrifice in the Better Tabernacle
6. The Better Way: Faith

1. In what way(s) is Jesus worthy of more glory than Moses?

While Moses was faithful in house, Jesus was not only faithful in His house but He built the house.

While Moses was a servant in His house, Jesus is a Son over His own house

2. Jesus, “a Son over His own house,” is talking about what?

He is Head over the church which is the house of God

3. We are His house if what, verse 6?

We hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end

4. Who said what was written in Psalm 95?

the Holy Spirit

5. What did God swear about Israel?

“they shall not enter My rest”

3:12-15 CONSIDERING ISRAEL, THEN A WARNING IS IN ORDER FOR US

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

{13} but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

{14} For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

{15} while it is said:

‘Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.’”

3:16-19 ISRAEL COULD NOT ENTER HIS REST BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF/DISOBEDIENCE

“For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

{17} Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

{18} And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

{19} So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

4:1 FEAR, LEST WE COME SHORT

“Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.”

4:2-3 FAITH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

“For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

{3} For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

‘So I swore in My wrath,

“They shall not enter My rest,””

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world”

4:4-5 GOD'S REST ON THE 7TH DAY & THE CANAAN REST

“For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way:

‘And God rested on the seventh day from all His works’;

{5} and again in this place:

‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

4:6-10 THERE IS A REST THAT REMAINS YET FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

{7} again He designates a certain day, saying in David, ‘Today,’ after such a long time, as it has been said:

‘Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts.’

{8} For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

{9} There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

{10} For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.”