

THE DANGER OF FAILING TO ENTER GOD'S REST
Pt 5 (Hebrews 4:1-5)

I. The SUPERIORITY of CHRIST... over all others

A. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed.

1. "Do not _____ from your Savior _____, nor _____ your so great salvation!"(chp. 2)
2. Do not _____ through _____ in _____ from our focus and fellowship with the Lord God in the _____ you are facing (chp. 3)
3. Do not fail to _____ the _____ God has _____ and _____ by His grace through _____ for you. (chp. 4)

• Does God Keep His Word?

- a. The *subject* of this third warning revolves around the concept of _____ .
- b. The meaning of "rest" involves a _____ of work or labor; _____ from worry or anxiety ; a sense of _____, _____, inner _____ involving _____ / _____ upon the Lord & His word!
- c. The time to believe God for any issue is " _____ "!

- The process of *hardening one's heart* involves on going _____ and _____ in the face of hearing the _____ in the midst of the _____ & _____ of life!
- The *exercise* of this "rest" is the daily _____ in which the believer walks by faith in dependence on _____ enjoying, inner peace, joy, stability, etc. as the Lord fights His _____ & carries His _____.

B. Israel's Failure at Ai (Joshua 7)

1. This is the new generation under Joshua that was going to _____ the Promise Land & enjoy God's _____ by faith-resting in the Lord ... as long as they _____ the promises of God for their victory.
2. They didn't rest _____ conflict there, for they went into _____, but they _____ the conflict there.... that is until _____ interrupted their rest!
3. After any victory, there is always the danger of _____ / _____ ! Why?

4. The victory & rest we experienced when we trusted Christ to be saved from sin's _____, is no _____ of victory & rest in the Christian life, so as to be saved from sin's _____!
5. The Problem: "Israel committed a _____" (7:1)
6. The specific offender is identified as _____, whose name means _____. (7:1b)
7. We also need to note that the Lord held _____ Israel _____ for the trespass of one man, and He withheld _____ from them until the matter was addressed and corrected.
8. Achan's sin illustrates how "known sin" when it is not judged, can _____ a whole body of believers & _____ them. (Joshua 6:18 & 1 Cor 5)
9. This also shows us that nothing escapes the _____ of the all-knowing God. (Psalm 139:1-ff)
10. After the victory at Jericho, in fulfilling his commission, Joshua _____ to first _____ with the Lord before deciding to move ahead.

- What failures could have been avoided if Joshua hadn't failed to check in with the Lord first?

- 1) By checking in, he could have known there was _____ in the camp, but he didn't.
- 2) By checking in, they would not have _____ Ai's strength, but they did (physical eyesight is not the same as spiritual eyesight)
- 3) By checking in, they would not have _____ their own strength or ability
- 4) By checking in, they would not have _____ upon the Lord, for they took God for _____.

11. They looked for a reason for their defeat, but they didn't look _____.

12. The cause of all this was _____ and _____ to the **revealed will of God** -- resulting in the Lord withholding His _____ from them & not giving them the _____ at Ai.

- What can we learn from this incident?