

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What relationship exists between Christ and man according to our lesson?
2. Are there any “conditions” for this relationship? Explain.
3. What is the provocation?
4. What is God’s reaction toward sin? Is He more tolerant toward sin in Christians? (c.f. 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 1 Peter 1:17)
5. Why do we need the same exhortations given to the Hebrews?

### SUMMARY:

The faithfulness of Moses and Christ are recorded as lessons to us. Our salvation would never have been accomplished had Jesus been less faithful. How important that we be just as faithful!

Unfaithfulness brought the wrath of God upon the children of Israel. It was especially swift upon the ten spies who brought back their evil report. (Numbers 14:36-37) These should be lessons to us. We may be too likely to murmur and complain against God.

The exhortations to the Hebrews are very timely for us today, living in a world of deceit and sin. May we seek divine wisdom to discern all evil.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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## CHRIST, THE FAITHFUL SERVANT

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Hebrews 3:1-19*

**LESSON SETTING:** Probably written from Italy by Paul to the Christian Jews.

**TIME:** Approximately 64 A.D.

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### I. A FAITHFUL EXAMPLE. Hebrews 3:1-6

- A. Faithfulness of Moses (vs. 2, 5) Exodus 15:25; 34:28
- B. Faithfulness of Christ (vs. 2, 6) 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13; Revelation 1:5

### II. A FATAL EXCLUSION. Hebrews 3:7-11

- A. God’s Displeasure over Sin (vs. 9, 10) Numbers 11:1; Psalm 2:5 Zechariah 1:15
- B. God’s Wrath (vs. 11) Romans 1:18; 2:8; Ephesians 5:6
- C. God’s Judgment (vs. 11) Numbers 14:30; Mark 10:15; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Revelation 21:27

### III. A FORTHRIGHT EXHORTATION. Hebrews 3:12-19

- A. Take Heed (vs. 12) 1 Corinthians 3:10; 10:12; 2 Peter 1:19
- B. Exhort One Another (vs. 13) 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9
- C. Be Steadfast (vs. 14) Galatians 5:1; Philippians 4:1
- D. Answer the Divine Call (vs. 15) Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Revelation 3:20

**GOLDEN TEXT: WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEADFAST UNTO THE END.**  
Hebrews 3:14

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Hebrews 4:1-16

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Numbers 14:26-39; Psalm 95:1-11  
Matthew 11:25-30

**QUARTERLY THEME:** BOOK OF HEBREWS

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, THE GIVER OF REST

**INTRODUCTION:**

What does the author mean in verse one of our text that we should fear? Simply this: we cannot treat lightly the goodness and grace of God. We must think seriously and soberly about the possibility of coming short of the promise. For those who are aware of the seriousness of this matter, it is quite exasperating and of great concern when brothers or sisters act so flippantly about their calling in Christ Jesus.

We must remember that He who has given us the precious gift of salvation knows our hearts, every thought and every intent. If we are continually aware of this we will be more careful to watch our conduct so we may enter that heavenly rest.

Special note: Verse 8 is often hard to understand. The name "Jesus" as used in the verse is more correctly translated as "Jesus, son of Nave" and not "Jesus, Son of David" as used in reference to Christ. "Jesus, Son of Nave" is used in reference to Joshua, son of Nun. This is found in many of the early translations and in the marginal reference in some Bibles. The use of the name "Joshua" gives better understanding to this verse. The "rest" Joshua provided the people of Israel by entering the "Promised Land" was not that rest of another day which was provided by Jesus Christ.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The Christian has a twofold rest in Christ - here and hereafter.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

Hebrews 4:9

What a glorious promise to the people of God, those who have placed their confidence in Him. We find rest in this life when we find peace with God. How our hearts troubled us with the burden of sin! How often we had sleepless nights! How heavily burdened our hearts were all the day long! Then we found that God heard our prayers and as we confessed our sins, the load became lighter until finally, nothing separated us from God. What joy and what peace! And how great the rest!

And now we look forward to that other rest prepared for us in eternity. No longer burdened with the cares of this life. No longer experiencing illness, pain, sorrow and frustration, heartache and all else that is a part of life. Those who have been at death's door know of the glorious expectance of entering that rest. Some have been called back into life for a period of time and must expectantly look forward to that great day of which they have had a glimpse. Lord, come quickly!

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 25 – 31**

M. Promise of Heaven. John 14:1-11

T. Promise of Rewards. 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

W. Promise of Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

T. Promise of Rest. 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

F. Promise of Blessing. Galatians 3:6-14

S. Promise of Second Coming. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

S. \*Christ, the Giver of Rest. Hebrews 4:1-16