



“Let Us Fear...”

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Exhortation:

▶ Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV)

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



Let Us Fear (Heb. 4:1-13)

▶ *Rest is used in different senses*

▶ There is a rest that we enter into as Christians

▶ Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)

▶ ²⁸Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

▶ ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

▶ ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Let Us Fear (Heb. 4:1-13)

▶ *Rest is used in different senses*

- ▶ There is a rest that we'll have in heaven.
- ▶ We'll have rest from our labors
 - ▶ Revelation 14:13 (NKJV)
 - ▶ ¹³Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Let Us Fear (Heb. 4:1-13)

▶ *Fear is used in two senses*

1. Sometimes reverence or respect
 2. But in this passage, the Greek word “phobeo” means to be “struck with fear, to be seized with alarm”
(Thayer)
- ▶ Means that we should be actively afraid and concerned lest we miss God’s rest.

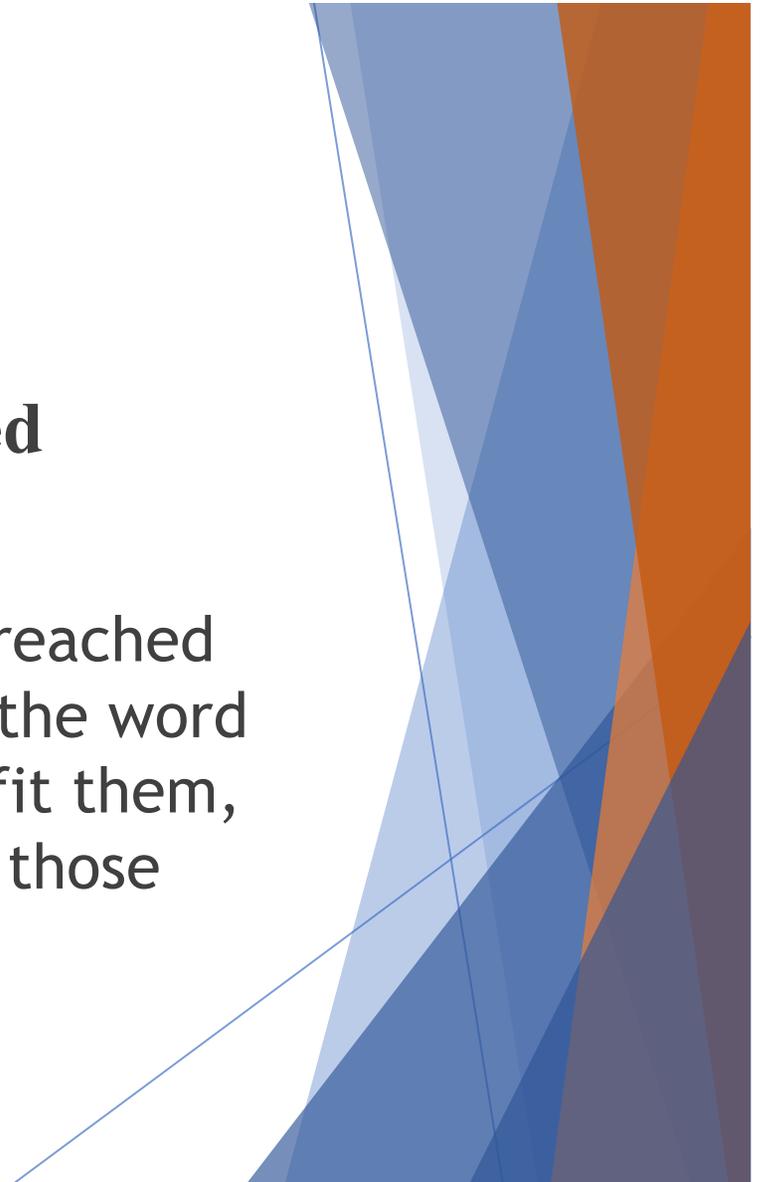
Why should we fear?

- ▶ **Because we have no excuse**

- ▶ **The gospel has been preached**

- ▶ **Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)**

- ▶ ²For 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.



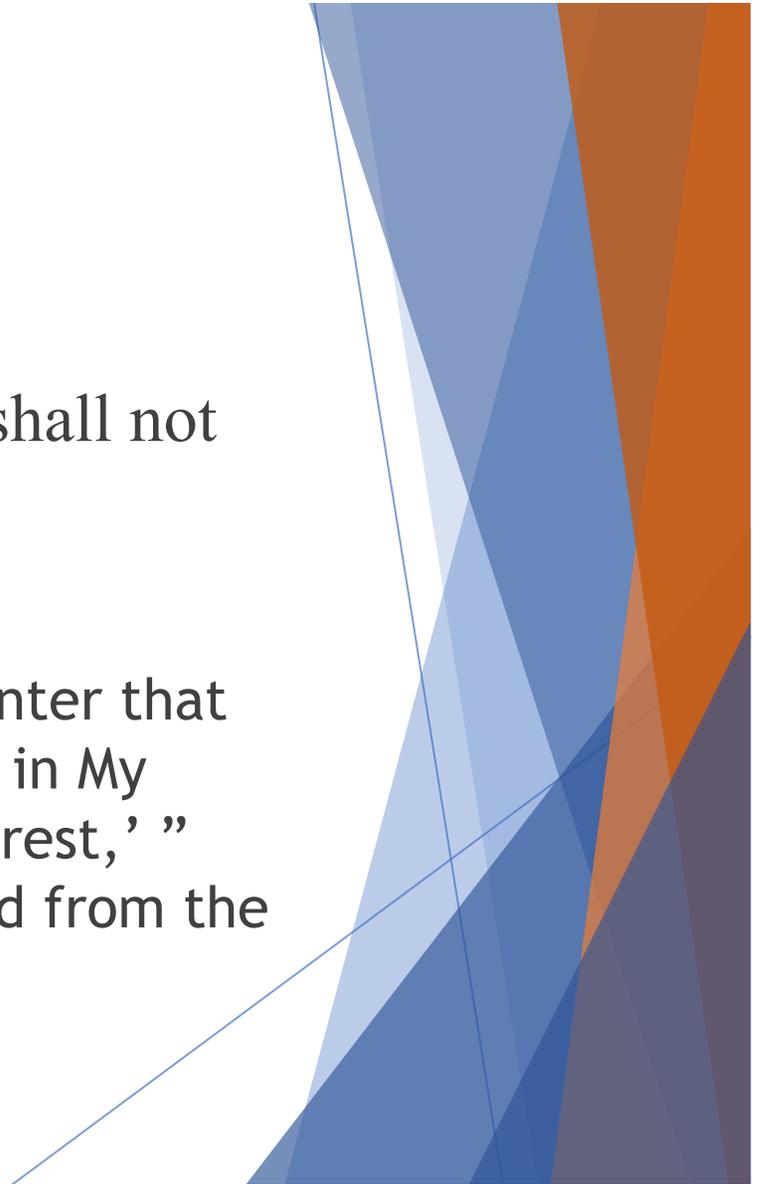
Why should we fear?

▶ **Because we have been warned**

▶ God has sworn that unbelievers shall not enter His rest

▶ **Hebrews 4:3 (NKJV)**

▶ ³For 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.



Why should we fear?

▶ **Because we have been warned**

- ▶ Paul lists the things in which they were disobedient (1 Cor. 10:1-13)
 - ▶ Lusted after evil things
 - ▶ Engaged in sexual immorality
 - ▶ Tempted (tested) God
 - ▶ Murmured (complained)



Who/what will help us?

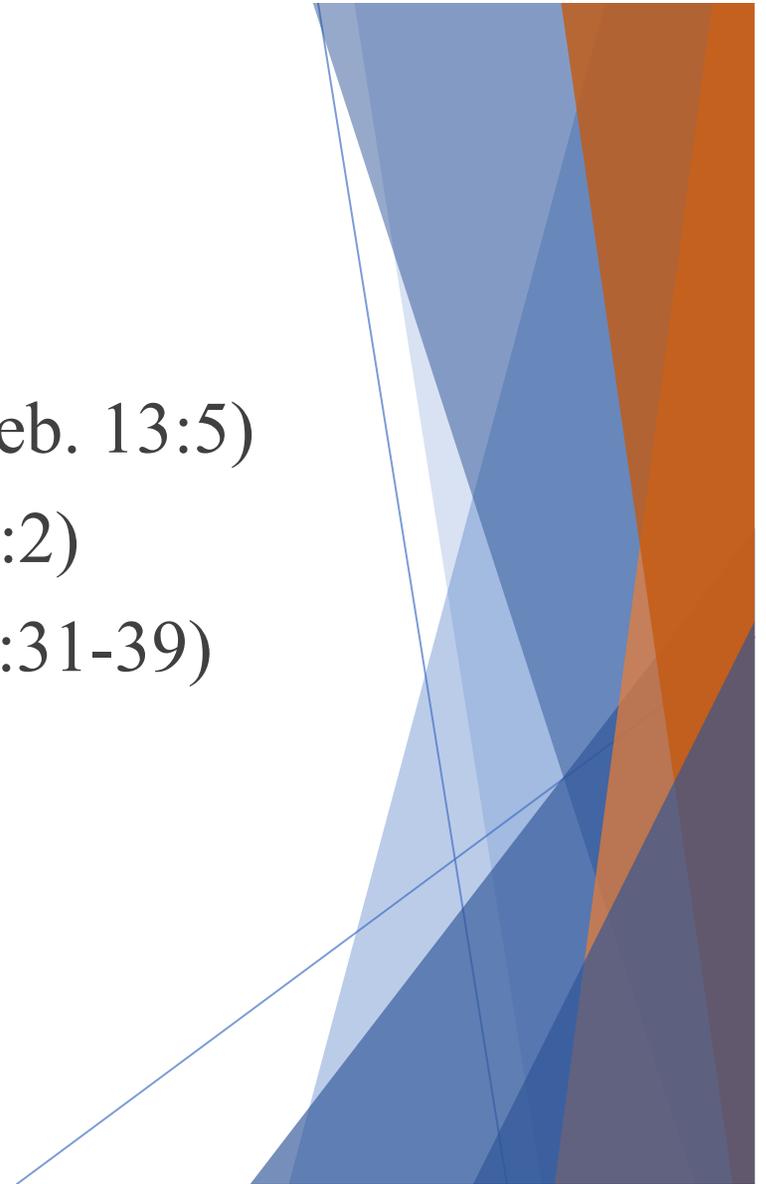
▶ Begins with us

- ▶ We need a realistic look at ourselves (Heb. 4:12)
- ▶ We need to examine our priorities (Matt. 6:33; 6:24; Phil. 2:12)
- ▶ We need to check our submission (Gal. 5:22-23)
- ▶ We need to look for a way of escape with every temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
- ▶ We need to look beyond this life (Col. 3:1-3)

Who/what will help us?

▶ God helps

- ▶ Promises to never leave us (Heb. 13:5)
- ▶ Points us to a person (Heb. 12:2)
- ▶ Assures us of victory (Rom. 8:31-39)
- ▶ Gives us incentive to go on (Heb. 4:3-10)



Conclusion

- ▶ The rest is real, but so is the danger of losing the promise of it.
- ▶ Be warned!!

