

Hebrews 4:1-10

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Introduction: What was God doing in the wilderness? Saving them! What is God doing here this morning? Saving us! Bringing us into His rest!

1. The way to enter: faith.
 - a. Every age of the church has heard the gospel. It's always been all about entering God's rest, God's joy, God's blessedness through Christ.
 - b. Recipe #1: hearing the gospel by itself. Result: failing to enter rest.
 - c. Recipe #2: hearing the gospel with faith. Result: entering His rest.
2. What rest? God's Next-world Life of Blessedness
 - a. What Adam looked forward to but didn't achieve. v4-5 teach us that Ps 95:11 explains Gen 2:2. But we get more than Adam lost. We come from far lower (sin and misery) than he began to far higher than he would have achieved (union with Christ).
 - b. What Moses' generation lost by their rebellion (not the land). v6 teaches us that God's promise is not empty, so there are at least "some" who must enter.
 - c. Not Joshua's rest. v8 makes it plain that this rest is literally out of this world. Joshua gave them earthly property, power, prosperity.
 - d. and What was still in the future at the time of David
3. Enjoyed *in prospect* via weekly Sabbaths (v9) until we leave this life (v10). This is the "Today" of Psalm 95—a special day, for a special event, in which the Holy Spirit does a special work

Conclusion: By faith, let us cling to Christ who has secured for us that eternal blessedness with God. By faith, let us cling to Christ as He addresses us in His Word, holding before us the promise of that eternal happiness with God. By faith, let us cling to Christ as He powerfully works upon us by His Word, preparing us for that eternal happiness with God!