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HEBREWS
Our Superior Savior
Consider Entering God's Rest
Hebrews 4:1-11

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God of work and rest, You laid the foundations of the world. You finished all your work and on the seventh day rested from all your work. Lord, grant your Spirit to come this morning with the same power and authority of that first creation day when the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters in the midst of the dark, formless deep; you spoke and all things came into being. This morning, Lord, come again in your power and authority and speak into our midst that you might create hearts of awe filled fear from unbelief. Cause us to find our great hope, security and comfort in the fear of our good and wise Creator instead of the thousand fears from creation which bind us to lifelong slavery. Lord, cause us to enter your promised rest this morning by faith. Since it remains for some to enter your rest this morning, grant your sovereign hand to come this morning and create hearts of flesh. Melt our hearts of stone and grant us repentance, hope, joy and peace. Make us strive for, long after, pursue your promised rest this morning that we might enter that Sabbath which is rest reserved for the people of God and so rest from our labors as God did from his. We ask for you to do these things in our midst this morning, among your people through the preaching of your Word for our good and for your glory. Amen & Amen.

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Central Textual Truth
While there remains a rest for the Hebrews they are to fear unbelief & strive toward obedience so that they might enter his rest.

Central Sermon Aim
I want to encourage SGBC to so fear unbelief & so strive toward obedience that they may enter God's rest which remains for us today.

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OUTLINE

    1. Let us Fear Lest we Fail to enter that Rest *(by Faithlessness)*
        A. The Offer of Rest (vv. 1-2)
        B. The Need for Rest (vv. 3-5)
    2. Let us Strive Lest we Fall from entering that Rest *(by Disobedience)*
        A. The Basis for Rest (vv. 6-7)
        B. The Aim of Rest (vv. 8-11)