

HEBREWS 4:1-11

CONTEXT!

- TONE: (v. 1) "REST" IS "A PROMISE" **NOT** "A COMMAND." SABBATH WAS A COMMAND, **NOT** PROMISE (Lk. 23:56)!
- SPEAKS OF "A REST" (4:9) NOT "THE SABBATH."
- "Rest" (4:9) from "*Sabbatismos*" **NOT** "*Sabbaton*" (Sabbath).

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*"...let us **fear** lest any of you seem to have come short of it. . .Let us therefore be **diligent** to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience"*

(Heb. 4:1, 11)

To enter the seventh day rest, does one have to "fear" and be diligent (labor, KJV)?



Simply Cease From Work?

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"For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His" (Heb. 4:10)

**Combine To
DEFINE!**

Then 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'." (Rev. 14:13)

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- **Who penned the warning?**

DAVID DID (Heb. 4:7; Ps. 95:7-11)

- **When?**

A LONG TIME AFTER MOSES & JOSHUA
(Heb. 4:7)

- **Divine Implication:**

For if Joshua [ca. 1405 BC] had given them [2nd generation] rest, then He [Holy Spirit through David] would not afterward [ca 1010 BC] have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (Heb. 4:8, 9)

**THE "REST" FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
HAD NOT BEEN ENTERED!**

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- Who failed to enter God's rest?

ISRAEL, LED BY MOSES
(cf. 3:7-19)

- What rest did they fail to enter?

CANAAN

(Heb. 3:17; Ps. 95:7-11;
Num. 14:23, 28-30)

BUT they kept the Sabbath day after this (Num. 15:32ff, implication)

THEREFORE: Sabbath day is not the "rest" that remains.

from the pen of scholars

(Sabbatismos)

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*"Here the sabbath-keeping is the perpetual sabbath rest to be enjoyed uninterruptedly by believers in their fellowship with the Father and the Son, **in contrast to the weekly Sabbath under the Law**. Because this sabbath rest is the rest of God Himself, 4:10, its full fruition is yet future, though believers now enter into it"*

(W.E. Vine)

*"Sabbath observance **figuratively**, Hb. 4:9"*

(Arndt & Gingrich)