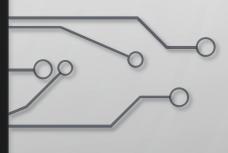


# HEAR HIS VOICE

HEBREWS 3 - 4



#### CONTEXT - HEBREWS 10:32 - 35

 "Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. 33 Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. 34 You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded."

### THE SUPREMACY OF THE SON HEBREWS 1

Christ the Creator (1:2)

Christ the Savior (1:3)

Christ the Son (1:4-5)

Christ the King (1:6 - 8)

## THE SON: HEBREWS 3:1 - 6

 "Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on <u>Jesus</u>, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the <u>builder</u> of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but <u>God</u> is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the **Son** over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory."

#### THESIS STATEMENT

8:1 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. 3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.

#### THE SINNERS – HEBREWS 3:7 - 11

• "So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

#### THE SOLUTION – HEBREWS 3:12 - 16

 "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. 14 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. 15 As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion. 16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?"



## THE SOLUTION – HEBREWS 3:17 - 19

- "17 And with whom was <u>he angry</u> for forty years? Was it not with those who **sinned**, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?
- Heb 3:18 And to whom did God swear that they would <u>never enter his rest</u> if not to those who disobeyed?
- Heb 3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their **unbelief**."

## THE SOLUTION (HEB. 4:1 - 2)

- "Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed."
- God's grace is not so amazing if our sin is not so destructive.



## A SABBATH REST REMAINS - (HEBREWS 4:3 - 7)

• 3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest." And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world... 6 Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, 7 God again set a certain day, calling it "**Today**." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage (Psa. 95) already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

## A SABBATH REST REMAINS - (HEBREWS 4:8 - 11)

 "For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."

#### THE SWORD – HEBREWS 4:12 - 13

"For the **word of God** is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes (intentions) of the heart.

> Heb 4:13 **Nothing** in all creation **is hidden** from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we <u>must give account</u>."

#### OUR HIGH PRIEST

- Heb. 4:14 16 "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- Heb 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."