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The Danger of Disobedience

Hebrews 4:1

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

Hebrews 3:19

So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:2

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

Hebrews 4:3-5

For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

...Could you roll all sins into one mass; could you take murder, and blasphemy, and lust, and adultery, and fornication, and everything that is vile and unite them all into one vast globe of black corruption, they would not equal even then the sin of unbelief. This is the monarch sin, the quintessence of guilt . . . the masterpiece of Satan; the chief work of the devil.

[It is one sin] for which Christ never make atonement. Mention every crime on the calendar of evil, and I will show you persons who have found forgiveness for it. But ask me whether the man who died in unbelief can be saved, and I reply, there is not atonement for that man. There is atonement made for the unbelief of a Christian because it is temporary; but the final unbelief—the unbelief with which men die—never was atoned for.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Hebrews 4:6-7

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Our life is like that wax melting in the flame; death puts its stamp on it, and then it cools. And the impress never can be changed.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Heaven is perfect. Who want to go to a place that's perfect? Boring, boring.

-Ted Turner

We'll have a chance to make things better because hell is supposed to be a mess.

-Ted Turner

Hebrews 4:8-10

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Ecclesiastes 3:11b

[God] has put eternity into man's heart....

Hebrews 4:9-10

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

The Old Testament Sabbath was a weekly reminder that the people of God enjoyed His temporal and spiritual blessings apart from human works.

Jesus is our Sabbath Rest

Exodus 20:8

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

In Jesus, we finally and forever enjoy rest (forgiveness, peace, relationship) with God apart from human works.

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Hebrews 4:11-13

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.