

A Study of the Letter to the Hebrews: Chapters 3 – 4

Sunday, July 11 / Wednesday, July 14

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 3 (Sunday, July 11)

References: Psalm 95: 7 – 11; Acts 3: 22; 1 Thessalonians 5: 11

- In verse 1, why is Jesus referred to as an “Apostle” and “High Priest”?
- In verse 2, what does it mean that Christ was “appointed,” and what was He appointed to do?
- What is the “house” referenced in verses 4 – 6?
- Explain the significance of the references to Moses in this chapter.
- In verses 7 – 11 (quoting from Psalm 95: 7 – 11), what parallel does the author make between God’s people in the past and his contemporary audience, and what subsequent warning and direction does he give in verses 12 – 13?
- In verse 14, how have we become “partners with / partakers of Christ”?
- In verses 18 – 19, why were some not allowed to enter into the Promised Land?

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 4 (Wednesday, July 14)

References: Genesis 2: 2; Matthew 7: 21 – 23; James 1 :12 – 15

- What is the “rest” referenced in verses 1 and 3, and what would prevent us from entering into that rest?
- In verse 2, why did the word not profit those who had received it, and what do we learn from this point?
- What similarities are there between us and the Israelites in the wilderness?
- In verses 4 – 7, how is God’s rest after creation analogous to the rest that faithful Christians can enter?
- What is the lesson conveyed in verse 11, and how is God’s word described in verse 12?
- In verses 15 – 16, what is the benefit of Jesus being tempted as we are?