

# Hebrews 4

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## **The Promise of Rest**

<sup>1</sup> Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

<sup>2</sup> For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

<sup>3</sup> For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

<sup>4</sup> For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

<sup>5</sup> And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

<sup>6</sup> Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

<sup>7</sup> Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

<sup>8</sup> For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

<sup>9</sup> There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

<sup>10</sup> For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

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## The Word of God Is Living

**11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

**12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**14** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

**15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

**16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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## God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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## Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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## Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

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## Mercy — ἔλεος (Eleos)

Mercy, compassion

The Greek **eleos** (ἔλεος) denotes compassionate mercy—pity for those in distress. God is 'rich in mercy' (Ephesians 2:4), withholding deserved punishment and granting undeserved kindness.

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## Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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## Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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## Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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## Wrath — ὀργή (Orgē)

Wrath, anger

The Greek **orgē** (ὀργή) means wrath—settled, righteous anger against sin. Believers are 'saved from wrath through him' (Romans 5:9), as Christ bore God's wrath on the cross, satisfying divine justice.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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### Hebrews 4:1

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:9; 4:11; 12:15; 13:7; Proverbs 28:14; Romans 3:23; 11:20; 1 Corinthians 10:12; 2 Timothy 2:13. **Covenant:** Numbers 14:34

**Hebrews 4:2 Faith:** Hebrews 11:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:12; 1 Timothy 4:8. **Word:** Acts 13:46; Romans 2:25

**Hebrews 4:3** **Judgment:** Hebrews 3:11; Psalms 95:11. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:14; 9:26; Genesis 1:31; Exodus 20:11; Isaiah 28:12; Matthew 13:35; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:20

**Hebrews 4:4** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 20:11; 31:17

**Hebrews 4:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 95:11

**Hebrews 4:6** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:2; 4:9; Matthew 21:43; Acts 28:28; Galatians 3:8

**Hebrews 4:7** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:15; Psalms 95:7

**Hebrews 4:8** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 12:9; Joshua 1:15; 22:4; 23:1; Psalms 78:55.

**References Jesus:** Acts 7:45

**Hebrews 4:9** **References God:** 1 Peter 2:10; Revelation 21:4. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:1; 4:3

### **Hebrews 4:10**

**Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:3; John 19:30; Revelation 14:13. **References God:** Hebrews 10:12

**Hebrews 4:11** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:12; 6:11; Matthew 7:13; 11:12; Luke 13:24; Acts 26:19; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; Titus 1:16; 3:3

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**Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 17:10

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**Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 16:7; Job 34:21; Psalms 44:21; Proverbs 15:3; 15:11; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Jeremiah 17:10; Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10

**Hebrews 4:14** **References God:** Hebrews 9:24; 10:12; Romans 8:34. **References Jesus:** Hebrews 6:20; 12:2. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:14; 8:1; 9:12; 10:23; Ephesians 4:10

**Hebrews 4:15** **Sin:** Hebrews 7:26; John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:14; 5:2; Exodus 23:9; Isaiah 53:9; Luke 22:28

**Hebrews 4:16** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 7:19; 7:25; 13:6; Ephesians 2:18; 3:12. **Grace:** Hebrews 9:5; Leviticus 16:2; 1 Peter 2:10

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