

Hebrews 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

'Let us labour therefore' creates a paradox—labor to enter rest. The Greek 'spoudazo' (be diligent, make every effort) indicates urgent striving. This is not works-salvation but diligent pursuit of faith and perseverance. The 'same example of unbelief' warns that privilege without faith leads to judgment. Diligence in faith prevents falling away.

Historical Context

The wilderness generation serves as a perpetual warning. Despite miracles, manna, and God's presence, they died in unbelief. Proximity to blessing without faith brings greater condemnation.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Are you diligent in pursuing deeper faith and obedience?
2. What would it look like for you to fall after the same example of unbelief today?

Interlinear Text

σπουδάσωμεν οὖν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν
Let us labour therefore to enter into that G3588
G4704 G3767 G1525 G1519 G1565

κατάπαυσιν ἵνα μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ τις ὑποδείγματι
rest after the same any man example
G2663 G2443 G3361 G1722 G3588 G846 G5100 G5262

πέσῃ τῆς ἀπειθείας
fall of unbelief
G4098 G3588 G543

Additional Cross-References

Luke 13:24 (Parallel theme): Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Hebrews 6:11 (Parallel theme): And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

Hebrews 3:12 (Parallel theme): Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Ephesians 5:6 (Parallel theme): Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Acts 26:19 (Parallel theme): Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Matthew 11:12 (Parallel theme): And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 7:13 (Parallel theme): Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto:

Titus 1:16 (Parallel theme): They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Titus 3:3 (Parallel theme): For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Colossians 3:6 (Parallel theme): For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

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