



Lesson 22c

**Title:** Christ is Superior to Joshua (Part 5)

**Scripture:** Hebrews 4

### Goals for 2022

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★ Able to say to one another, “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”.

### Five D's of Discipleship

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### Catechism Question 1

- Question: What is the chief end of man?
- Answer

### Catechism Question 2

- Question: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
- Answer

### Catechism Question 3

- Question: What do the Scriptures principally teach?
- Answer

### Catechism Question 4

- Question: What is God?
- Answer

### Catechism Question 5

- Question: Are there more gods than one?
- Answer

### Memory Verses from Previous Weeks

- (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- (2 Timothy 3:16-18)
- (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)
- (Psalm 73:25-26)

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## This Week's Memory Verse

- (Isaiah 46:9-10)

## WARNINGS in the HEBREWS

- ① (Hebrews 2:1-3) The **DANGER of DRIFTING AWAY**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ② (Hebrews 3:1-4:13) The **DANGER of UNBELIEF**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ③ (Hebrews 5:11-6:20) The **DANGER of NOT MATURING** in the faith. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ④ (Hebrews 10:26-39) The **DANGER of NOT PERSEVERING**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ⑤ (Hebrews 12:25-30) The **DANGER of REFUSING GOD**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.

## DO WE TAKE THESE WARNINGS SERIOUSLY?

## Review of Hebrews 4

**Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

James 1:22

## THEREFORE . . . (Hebrews 4:1)

- God has spoken by His Son. "Hear Him!" ( Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; Matthew 7:24-29; John 7:16-17)
- Christ is superior to the prophets - He is GOD! (Deut 18:15-19)
- Christ is superior to the angels - He is their Lord.
- Christ is the Second Man who came to die for His people. Made a little lower than angels for a short time.
- Christ is superior to Moses.
- "IF" in Hebrews 3:6, 14.
- Because of what happened to the Israelites at Massah and Meribah.
- Because of the warning in Hebrews 3:12-19.
  - The warning of unbelief and disobedience.

## ➤ Psalm 95: Israel A Picture of Christendom

- ISRAEL is a PICTURE of CHRISTENDOM – not God's ELECT.
  - Israel was ELECT *as a nation*. BUT there was an ELECT *inside the nation – THE REMNANT!* (See Isaiah 1:9; 10:20-23; 11:16; Jeremiah 23:3; 31:7; Joel 2:32; **Romans 9:27; 11:5**)

## Let Us Fear (Hebrews 4:1)

### ★ How does one fear in this context?

- ① Walking circumspectly. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- ② Diligently guarding our hearts. (Proverbs 4:23)
- ③ Being watchful and vigilant. (1 Peter 5:8)
- ④ Being steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 3:6, 14; Colossians 2:22-23; **2 Peter 3:17**)
- ⑤ Being watchful and serious in our prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)
- ⑥ Praying, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

## Let Us Not Come Short of God's Rest (Hebrews 4:1)

- Verse 6 is an incomplete sentence but it is finished in verse 11.
- Hebrews 4: 7-10 is a parenthesis. "The purpose of this parenthesis is to *establish* the principle on which the exhortation (Hebrews 4: 1) is based, namely, that since there is a "rest of God" for believers to enter, and seeing that Israel of old failed to enter therein, it behooves us **today** to give the more earnest heed to the world of the Gospel which we have heard, and to "labour to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (AWP)
- In the Old Testament there were TWO "pictures" of the REST of God"
  - ① **The SABBATH rest.** (Hebrews 4: 3b-7)
    - (Hebrews 4: 7) The writer argues that this cannot be the rest we are to since David (500 years after Moses) argues that the Israelites had not yet entered God's rest and David was exhorting HIS GENERATION not to make the SAME MISTAKE.
  - ② **The CANAAN rest.** (Hebrews 4: 8; Joshua 1:15; Deuteronomy 12:9)
    - (Hebrews 4: 8) The writer uses the SAME argument (Hebrews 4: 7) in speaking about the "rest" which Joshua (KJV: Jesus) led them into. David speaks of "another" day.
- (Hebrews 4: 9-10) There remains a rest for the people of God – a FUTURE rest (this clear from Hebrews 4: 11) - see Revelation 14:13.

- Verse 10 refers to **CHRIST** (remember this section started back at 3:1). Our rest does not come from Moses, Joshua, or David — but from Christ - see Hebrews 6:20. Remember: we are the “body of Christ.”

### Let Us Be Diligent (Hebrews 4:11)

- Let us not be like the first generation of Israelites who disobeyed and did not believe.

### The Living Active Sword (Hebrews 4:12-13)

- “For” connects us with verse 11.



- The WORD of GOD **divides!** The WORD of GOD divides the thoughts and intents of the heart (mind, emotions, will) from the words of our mouths. (See Genesis 6:5; 8:21)
- It divides the joints (external) from the marrow (internal).
- When God speaks, He is absolutely **serious**.
- God will **separate** those who “say” they are Christians from those who “are” Christians. True Christians **do** the will of God. (**Matthew 7:21-23; John 8:31; 10:27-29; 15:8, 10-14; Romans 2:6-11; 1 John 2:17**)

### We Have a GREAT High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15)

- The **work** is **hard**. The **race** long. The **battle** tough. The **walk** is difficult. (Matthew 7:13-14; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Despite the difficulties **we have a GREAT HIGH PRIEST, who worked, ran, fought, and walked the life we are called to live.** (Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15)
- We have a GREAT HIGH PRIEST who makes intercession for all whom He died. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; John 17)
  - He KNOWS our weaknesses!
  - He WATCHES over us!
  - He INTERCEDES for us!

### THEREFORE . . . (Hebrews 4:16)

- “Let us . . .” The author is including himself!
- We “can” come (PRESENT TENSE) **boldly** (not proudly) to the **throne of God**. We have direct access because of GRACE! (Romans 5:1)
- Why do we come to the **throne of GOD** – for:
  - **MERCY**. We are **great sinners** against His love. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
  - **GRACE**. He gives more grace to the humble. (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)
  - **HELP**. He is my Helper! (Psalm 121; Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 46:1; 124:8; 146:5-6; Isaiah 41:13; Hosea 13:9)
- **WE ARE IN NEED EVERY DAY!**
- JOIN US at this throne every morning and Friday evenings!

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