
Hebrews - Week IV – Partakers of Rest

*“Somehow the suffering and indignities we face seem to hurt less if we imagine them to be heroic instead of walking in the truth that we all face difficulties and challenges, and that the Lord is with each of us **as we face the portion of suffering He has allowed to come our way.**” Dr Karl Lehman*

Consider Jesus: The Apostle

- The One who was called
- The One who went before us
- The One who went into uncharted territory
- The One who laid the groundwork

Consider Jesus: The High Priest

- The One who perfectly met all the requirements of God
- The One who finished the work and sat down
- The One constantly intercedes for us

“As our priest, Jesus Christ can help us because He has undergone the same trials we experience (in body, mind, and emotions) and has emerged victorious. The picture is of an older brother helping his younger brothers navigate the pitfalls of growing up successfully. That is the role that a priest plays.”
Thomas Constable Commentary

Partakers:

- Partakers of flesh and blood V2:14
- Partakers of the heavenly calling V3:1
- Partakers of Christ V3:14
- Partakers of the Holy Spirit V6:4
- Partakers of chastening V12:7-8

Warning #2: Unbelief = Departing from the Living God (3:12-13)

1. *It is time sensitive...Today*
2. *We need others around us encouraging us...Daily*

Rest:

“Rest’ (katapausis), as used here, points to a place of blessing where there is no more striving but only relaxation in the presence of God and in the certainty that there is no cause for fear.” Thomas Constable Commentary

- Deuteronomy 12:9 - You have not yet come to the rest that God has given you
- Psalm 23:2 - He leads me beside *still* waters
- Isaiah 11:10 - His rest shall be glorious
- Isaiah 32:18 - Dwelling in quiet resting places

Homework:

1. *Study Jesus – Week I*
2. *See Jesus – Week II*
3. *Consider Jesus – Week III*
4. *Experience the Living God and Experience His Rest – Week IV*