

HEBREWS RECAP

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

- Rest – abundant life now and eternal life after death
- Key obstacle is unbelief – lack of trust in the Lord (also described as ‘disobedience;’ compare 3.19 and 4.6)
- Jesus is greater than Joshua



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Uniqueness (superiority) of Jesus as High Priest

- Jesus is priest in order of Melchizedek (5.6, 5.10)
 - Gen 14.18-20
 - King of Salem and Priest of God Most High
 - Superior to Abraham
 - Blesses Abraham
 - Receives tithe from Abraham
- God is establishing a new priestly order through Jesus (ch7-10)





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 - Jesus is sinless (4.15)
 - Jesus is the Son of God (4.14)
 - Therefore His blood can 'pay the debt' for our sins



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 - During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death and He was heard because of His reverent submission.
 - Garden of Gethsemane – Mark 14.32-36 and Luke 22.44
 - Take this cup from Me, yet not My will but Yours be done
 - Cup of God's wrath (righteous anger towards sin)
 - Heard – usually means 'request granted'
 - Father's will was done





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 - Son though He was He learned obedience from what He suffered and once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him
 - Learn – to come to a realization/understanding of something through experience or practice
 - Obedience – compliance to the will of another
 - Made perfect – become fully qualified for a task
 - Jesus realizes the deepest compliance to the will of the Father through accepting the cup of God's wrath which fully qualified Him for the work of being both
 - The source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him (Lamb who takes away the sins of the world)
 - High priest in the order of Melchizedek





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Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess

- Remember unbelief is key sin
- Hold firmly – strongly adhere to
- The faith we profess = our confession; statement of allegiance to Jesus
- How?
 - Ask
 - Recognize circumstances where we are tempted to deny our commitment to Jesus
 - Repentance
 - Maturity/growth





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Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find help in our time of need.

Father, we confess that at times we waffle in unbelief; rather than holding firmly to our commitment to Jesus we drift away from Him. Please forgive us.

Pause for personal reflection/repentance

Father, we acknowledge that Your Son Jesus is both our Great High Priest and the Lamb Who Was Slain to Take Away Our Sin. Therefore we boldly come before You not because of our righteous behavior or because of the desperation of our need, but because You invite us to do so and because Jesus has opened the way.

Name your need this morning.

