

a study of the book of
HEBREWS
pressing on towards maturity

I. THE DANGER OF MISSING THE BLESSING OF GOD

A. The good news of God was made known to both to the OT saints and to us.

B. They missed because the word was not mixed with faith.

1. When we hear the Word there are only two responses possible.

a) The obedience that comes from faith

(b) The disobedience that comes from unbelief

II. THE MEANS OF ENTERING THE BLESSING OF GOD

A. Word of God is given because the Eternal God wants to bless men.

B. The nature of the Word of God

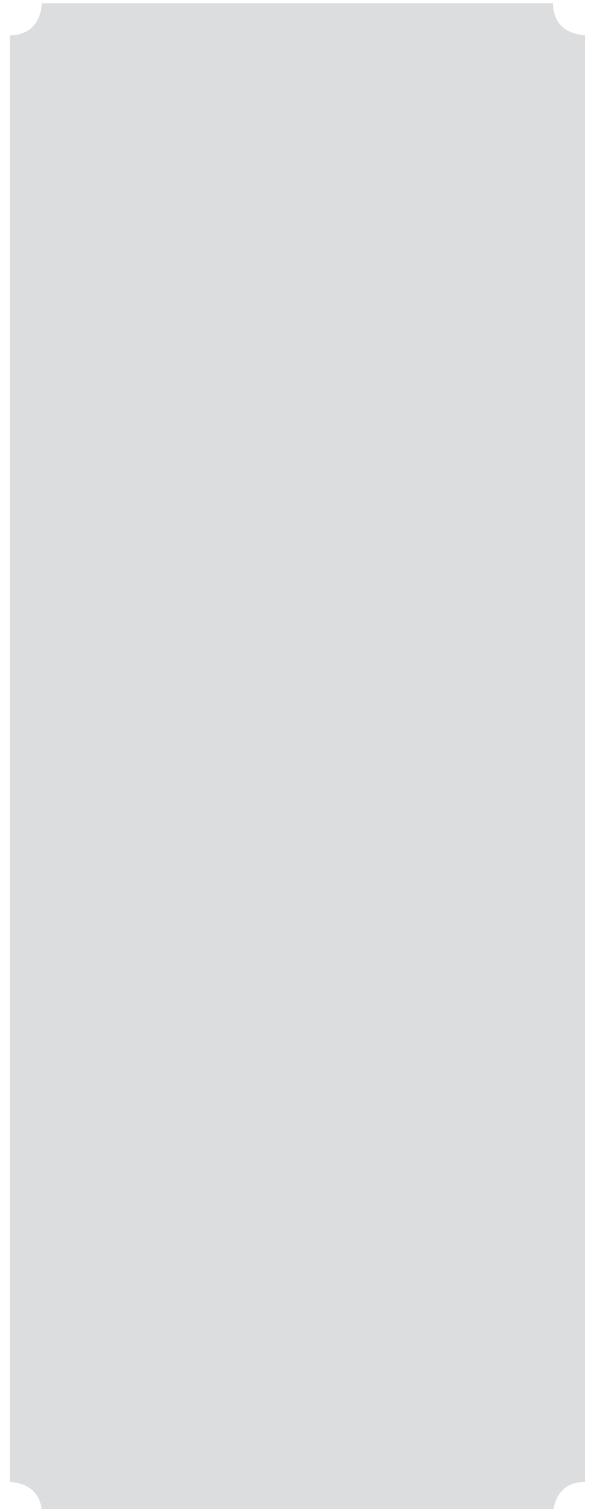
1. Living - Comes straight from a Living Person

2. Active - It is full of energy as it reaches us.

3. Piercing - It goes to the depth of our being.

4. Discerning - It reveals the truth of how we think and what we really want.

5. Critical - It passes judgment on what it reveals.



C. The Word of God is given because the Eternal God wants to bless.

1. God already knows exactly what is true about you.
2. Sooner or later He is the God “with whom we have to do.”

III. THE NATURE OF THE BLESSING OF GOD

A. Called hear “rest”

B. Pictures of the rest

1. Rest of entering Canaan
2. Creation’s rest
3. Sabbath rest

C. Two possible thoughts

1. Rest is our experience in heaven.
2. Rest begins on earth and continues to heaven.

D. Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus uses a different but closely related word for rest.

1. Come to Me in faith and rest is given.
2. Learn from Me by faith and you will find rest.

E. In Hebrews

1. Our blessing in eternity is brought out.
2. Our blessings in life are also mentioned.
3. In both situations, the blessing would bring a form of rest.