

Kingdom of Priests Part 4

“Let Us”

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1. Let Us Fear

Hebrews 4:1-2 **Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

- Fear G5399 – to frighten, to be alarmed, to be in awe of, afraid, reverence.
- Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

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- It is not a physical rest that God is speaking of here, it is a spiritual rest!
- Rest G2663 – reposing down, abode:--rest –
Repose: *noun* a state of quiet restfulness; peace or tranquility dignified calmness of manner; composure
Repose: verb (tr) to put (trust or confidence) in a person or thing

2. Let Us Be Diligent to Enter that Rest

Hebrews 4:11-12 **Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- God’s word is living and it is powerful which means it is “active”.

Ephesians 5:26 Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

3. Let Us Hold Fast Our Confession

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession.** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- “Let us hold fast our confession” the opposite would be to *let slip*.
- We hold fast our confession because of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who is our High Priest.

4. Let Us Therefore Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16 **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(AMP) **Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to us sinners)**, that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].