



**Windmill church of Christ  
Newsletter**

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*Search the  
Scriptures Daily  
Acts 17:11*

Sunday Morning Bible Class:  
9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30

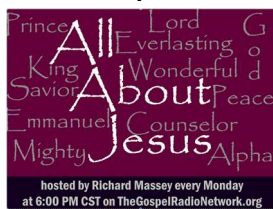
Sunday PM Worship:  
6:00

Wednesday PM Bible Class:  
7:00

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday PM-Singing  
7:00



*Bring your Bibles  
to Bible class.*



Listen to "All About  
Jesus" on  
TheGospelRadioNet  
work.org each  
Monday at 5:30 pm.  
And our Sunday  
morning sermon at  
8:30 am Sunday.

# This Land of Sweet Rest Awaits Us

Of the many descriptions of heaven in the Bible, one of my favorites is the promise of rest. Hebrews 4 is one of those passages that speaks of a rest that awaits, but for whom is it awaiting? The context of Hebrews 3-4 is a reminder to the Jewish readers of the failings of the children of Israel to enter the rest that was promised to them. The word "enter" is used 11 times in 20 verses (3:11-4:11), and six of those times it is preceded by the word "not", referencing God's sentence upon them that they would "not enter His rest." But why? What did they do or not do? What can learn to make sure that we do not miss entering His rest?

**From this passage and the story of the children of Israel,** we learn that rest awaits those who fear God. ***"Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it"*** (4:1). Everything about God—His nature, His authority, His word—must be respected. To enter God's rest, we must learn to ***"fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all"*** (Ecc. 12:13). We must take heed to the words of Jesus, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). Do you respect God? You will not enter His rest unless you do.

**From this passage and the story of the children of Israel,** we learn that rest awaits those who believe. ***"For we who have believed do enter that rest..."*** (4:3). Verse 2 states that the children of Israel did not enter because ***"the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it."*** God plainly said ***"that they could not enter in because of unbelief"*** (3:19). No wonder this same book proclaims, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him" (11:6).

**From this passage and the story of the children of Israel,** we learn that **rest awaits those who obey.** God does not separate fear or faith from obedience. The Israelites ***"did not enter because of disobedience"*** (4:6). One verse says it was due to "unbelief" (3:19), and another says "disobedience" (4:6). To God, faith and obedience are inseparable (cf. 3:18-19; Jas. 2:26). Let us not be guilty of the failings of the children of Israel that prevented them from entering God's rest. Let us be diligent to enter His rest through faithful obedience.

~David Sproule

## NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors: If you are visiting, please know that you are an honored guest. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the collection plate or give it to one of our members so that we can have a record of your visit.

### Remember in Prayer:

Remember In Prayer: **Brenda Blair, Ruth Kerkstra, Wayne Proffitt & Edith Proffitt, Samuel Gilbert, Ruth Smithey, Tilmon Bonner**

Friends and family: **Brady Adair, Mark Balke** (Jennifer's dad -cancer), **Ken Cooper, Deanna** (Cathy's sister), **George family, Francis McCluskey** (heart), **Kenneth & Mary McConnathy, Janiece Melcher, Debra Bowser, Michael Klembus** (lung cancer), **Stephanie & Anthony Jr.** (children of Anthony & Becky; that they can become faithful Christians), **Rae Lynne Swopes, Darius Warren, Donna Nevel, All the lost in this world** (If you know of anyone who needs to be on the prayer list, please let us know.)

Mission work: **Parker Webster** (preacher student), **Johnny Robertson, Banard Kagaga** (Kenya), **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart, Correspondence Courses, World Video Bible School. Expedition Through The Bible** (radio program), **Caleb Robertson, Josh White, TheGospelRadioNetwork.org**

Check the bulletin board for upcoming Ladies Days.

*And thou shalt love the Lord thy  
God with all thy heart, and with  
all thy soul, and with all thy  
mind, and with all thy strength:  
this is the first commandment.  
Mark 12:30*

### **Wednesday Night Devo February**

12 Devron Smith  
19 Frank Hughes  
26 Paul Warnack

### **March**

4 Joshua Kingston  
11 Mitchell Kingston  
18 Zach Looper  
25 Mickey Hukill

### **April**

1 Marvin Blair  
8 Jay Kingston

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