

recap chapter 3:

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We are told in the beginning of Chapter 3 that Jesus being faithful to the will of God is what resulted in an opportunity for any and everyone who would to once again be allowed in the eternal presence of God. And we are given the example of Moses, who was also considered faithful with what was given him (even though he had his short comings). We are therefore charged to be faithful with what we are given AND have faith in the One who gives us all things. - Remember Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him".

And as the good teacher that the writer of Hebrews is, the "to do" is followed by "what we must never ever do". And that is unbelief. Unbelief is the most insulting, and degrading, thing a person can do to God. I claim it is the opposite of faith, it is calling God a liar. For an unbeliever (in Jesus Christ) it is terminal, but for a believer it is a loss of rewards. I make this statement because

we see that the two times at Kadesh (Hebrew Kadosh: holiness) that Moses had unbelief (the 12 spies, and the striking the Rock a second time) he did not lose his salvation, but he did lose the reward he could have had, had he only had faith. In researching Moses' not being allowed into the promised land all of the scholars that I sought attest only his striking the rock a second time as being the reason he was not allowed in the promised land.

Suffices to say, Faith = very good, unbelief = extremely awful. And like "light" that always over powers darkness, so does "faith" always over power unbelief. So when we have our times of unbelief God give us the Scripture: "I believe, help my unbelief!" (see Scripture = Mark 9:21-24 print out). "Faith" is not just a word meaning to believe, it is also an action word. God has planned for us to do His bidding here on earth and has entrusted us with certain talents to do so. Knowing that God wishes for us to do

something and purposely not doing it is like being Jonathized. Matthew 25:14-30, handout, is a Scripture about the bags of Gold (Talents in NKJV) God gives invests with us for His purpose.

Hebrews 4:3-11 ... very harsh words from God, "they shall (10) never enter My rest". I believe (my opinion) that "rest" refers to the original intent of the 7th day of creation. It was a day of no works, just enjoying the presence of God and God enjoying the presence of Adam & Eve. And who knows what would have happened if on that day of rest Adam and Eve would have been spending it with God and not off wandering in the Garden doing their own thing! Adam & Eve's disbelief (in what God had said) destroyed that rest, and even though we now will be present with Him in Spirit (because of Jesus) the restoring of that physical walking with Him in rest has taken 6,000 years and counting. Not only did God loose that fellowship but it also cost Him His One and Only Son. So He has every right to warn us with these harsh words! He (God) also tells us that "Today" we need to long for and seek Him, not tomorrow.

Hebrews 4:12 Tells us how we can stay "in-tune" with God's plan for us, and that is His Holy Word. It is "alive" and it is surgical precision, so as to cut out the cancer that is sin in our lives without harming the delicate tissue that surrounds the cancer. Alive, so that the Bible's content is timeless and fresh to every generation, and "sharp" so that it leaves no question as to whether something is right or wrong, and Good or Evil. God's Word also separates the truth (every single word written) and the lie (those things contrary to what is written).

Hebrews 4:13 This verse was written so that all know that God sees all things. Whether it's Jonah in the SS. Fish submarine, or the people who are hiding in the mountains, shaking their fists at God and wishing that the mountains would cave in and cover them. It also makes clear that every person who has, or will ever live, will be brought to account for everything they have ever done. For the believer, things done to glorify themselves will result in loss of rewards that could have been had. For non-believers, this means that when the books are opened all things done selfishly will be penalized with increasing eternal punishment. Bema Seat: believers, White Throne judgement non-believers.

1 Corinthians 3:9-14

Revelation 20:11-15