2Thess #126

Find the rest and assurance GOD already destined for you.

We will be opening up in Hebrews chapter four RF.

All that GOD does for us concerning HIS grace plan after salvation, is designed to be given at certain points in our spiritual walk.

Only God knows those trigger points but by all accounts from Biblical history GOD wants the Believer to take responsibility and become mature

So, these are never grace gifts that you earn or deserve. They already belong to you, they are released sporadically as you walk toward levels of maturity. Any time after salvation, GOD can and will release blessings at HIS own sovereign discretion. God is a perfect Father, a perfect Judge and perfect God, therefore HE knows exactly what you need and how prepared you are for it at any given moment.\

All of this was approved through the justice system of GOD in eternity past, so there are legal triggers on any blessings, rewards or crowns.

/God can not lie and God can not take back anything HE has given. More importantly, the overriding reality is, God must remain in compliance with HIS own Justice and Righteousness.

(Psa 45:6-7, Psa 97:2, Deu 32:4, Pro 16:12)

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before You. \

The Believer at Super-grace is analogous to God resting on the seventh day. HE wants all Bels to enter into a rest and enjoy what GOD has already done for them.

Most Bels never receive all of the grace gifts God has already given them.

/Most Believers, walk around with the winning lottery ticket in their pocket and never cash it in. By that I mean in the area of spiritual blessings, spiritual growth, having a true happiness and relaxed mental attitude. Having a power and presence in any situation that surpasses human understanding. All because they do not want to take what God has already given them and learn to grow in it!\

They never have the time for GOD – they lack the fortitude to go forward and receive greater grace through BD and their union with Christ.

That is why emotional teaching, name and claim it - or miraculous ministries and skinny jean pastors who put on rock concerts are so appealing.

/2Tim 4:3 For ***the* time will come** when **they will not tolerate sound doctrine**; but ***wanting* to have their ears tickled**, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, 4 and they will **turn their ears away from the truth**and will **turn aside to myths**.\

We will look at Hebrews 4, This epistle was written in 67 AD, three years before the fall of Jerusalem and the fifth cycle of discipline’s administration.

This was the last warning of the coming of the fifth cycle of discipline to the Jews. The first warning came from the Lord Jesus Christ when he prophesied of it in Luke chapter twenty-one, verses twenty through twenty-four.

This is predominately addressed to Jewish Bels in Jerusalem. Yet it held great meaning for all Believers of the early church. It was a great teaching tool and warning for those neglecting spiritual growth and not to fall away into reversionism.

This is a reminder, that GOD wants you to have peace and rest in His plan.

The Bel who reaches higher levels of maturity and especially super-grace, can have great tranquility in their life, no matter what happens.

Hebrews chapters 3, 4 and 5, flow very well and many scholars believe there was little need for a chapter break especially between 4 & 5.

The last sentence in chapter 3 is connected to verse 1;

/Heb 4:1 Therefore, **we must fear** if, **while a promise remains** of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short *of it.*

The writer of Hebrews sets up an example for the Jews living in Jerusalem in 67 AD. It is that they reflected many Bels within the Exodus generation – born again and yet rebellious toward God.\

Both generations, the Exodus and the generation of 67 AD inside Jerusalem, were reversionistic.

The word of GOD is overflowing with scriptures teaching Bels to fear not!

Yet only a few that clearly warn fear is justified…this is one of the rare cases.

God’s blessings and promises are already set up in eternity past – yet, many do not receive all of those blessings and promises.

Not because GOD removes them…HE can not do that, and HE will not do that.

The emphasis is on the Christian.

/Consistent positive volition toward doctrine, leads to a super-grace life and the proper function of your priesthood. Negative volition toward doctrine after an extended period leads to reversionism and finally the sin unto death. Blessing or cursing depends on your attitude toward Bible doctrine during your temporal walk. God wants to pour HIS word into you which enables grace blessings to eventually manifest.\

The picture of the rebellious nation of Israel at different points in the OT, is often designed as a lesson for CA Bels. Israel is a picture of the singular soul of the CA Bel.

[/Heb 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/4/2/s_1137002) For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also *did;* but **the word they heard did not benefit them,** because they were **not united** with those **who listened with faith.**

The Exodus generation was thoroughly evangelized and nearly two million strong coming out of Egypt. The majority were true Israel and were born again. The Jews in Jerusalem (67 AD) were very similar, both generations had little faith and very little interest in growing.\

Right here is a great example of the minority forging forward with their time, talent and treasure while the majority sits on the side lines in apathy.

THE WORD WAS NOT UNITED WITH FAITH…it was listened too but not digested.

Most Bels hear the word or claim some aspect, of Christianity, yet do not really study and grow up spiritually.

 REPEAT

Hearing means nothing if it doesn’t become ingrained in your soul.

A lot of Christians play church.

You can’t play boxing and you can’t play church.

Pettiness and jealousy, apathy or inordinate ambition and competition, is seen in ever generation amongst God’s people.

Distractions and counterfeits intermingle among the brethren so easily when there is a lack of serious intent toward the study of the WORD.

 REPEAT

Nothing new under the sun!

/Super-grace maturity is a focus in this book, pointing Bels to God’s grace plan and the calling of our priesthood. The normal function of the priesthood can never achieve its true power until you get to super-grace. The fact you are a Believer-priest doesn’t mean a thing until you can function in the calling and receive blessings designed in eternity past.\

Many Christians cross the salvation barrier because of that moment of faith in time, yet they grow very little beyond that stage.

Spiritual growth takes commitment and deeper studies beyond the gospel.

/*We have been evangelized. We have passed that and have believed in Christ but the issue is no longer Christ as savior. You will hear soteriology from time to time from the scripture, this helps your understanding of grace. But the issue is the doctrine of soteriology as one of the classifications of doctrine in scripture and when you learn it, along with all of the other facets of doctrine, it all has the same concept: to give you the cup in your soul, the super-grace capacity for super-grace blessing.*

 *Col. R.B. Thieme Jr*.\

The doctrines within SOTERIOLGY are deep and very enlightening - but the Bel has to also forge forward into more growth and deeper doctrines.

Many churches teach a repetitive set of lessons that are designed for evangelism not greater spiritual growth.

There is a difference between the calling for an evangelist and the calling for a pastor-teacher.

There is a difference between a deacon and a pastor-teacher, just as there is a difference between a Christian motivational, speaker and a pastor-teacher.

Or a Christian author and a pastor-teacher.

Many men behind pulpits today are not well qualified or God-ordained pastor-teachers. They may well be one of these other callings or titles… but they are not a pastor-teacher.

Yet there are no excuses – GOD gives pastors and leaders or teachers in every generation.

/[Heb 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/4/3/s_1137003) **For we who have believed enter *that* rest** (*katapausis)*, just as He has said,“AS I SWORE IN MY ANGER, THEYCERTAINLY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,”although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

ENTER – present tense, it is always available, to enter into a calming place to dwell in peace. To give one a rest or dwelling of calm assurance.\

KAT-TOP-AH-CEASE, means a place of great comfort. A place of blessing or a calming wind, is one definition.

Notice GOD swore an oath about rebellious Bels – they cannot receive all that GOD already gave them.

It is there and already given to them – God does not remove it, the Believer simply lacks the capacity and maturity to receive it all.

 **REPEAT**

God is glorified by blessing you under HIS grace plan, allowing you to dwell in a super-grace life, which means super-grace rewards in heaven as well.

If God can take you, a fallen creature -and keep you alive in the devil’s world, then bless you to the maximum.

/Blessing you on the basis of positive volition toward doctrine and you reach a super-grace capacity. Then it glorifies God, it is a huge body blow to Satan and the fallen angels. It is like an artillery round landing directly in the enemy’s base camp.\

[Heb 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/4/4/s_1137004) For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: “AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS”;

God is telling us HE wants us to have that type of divine rest and comfort in our life.

[/Heb 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/4/5/s_1137005) and again in this *passage,* “THEY CERTAINLY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.”

God’s love for the super-grace Bel is expressed in blessing, God’s love for the negative Bel is expressed in self-induced misery or discipline.\

God gave us everything in eternity past – that includes all dispensations.

The nation of Isreal was given rest - they were given the promised land.

Yet many never received the true rest and the promised land. It was never fully wiped clean of enemies because they lacked the fortitude to follow through.

 REPEAT

Many of these quotes from the OT are put together here in verses 3 thru 7 as painful reminders.

/Jer 6:16 This is what the LORD says: “**Stand by the ways** and see and **ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it;** Then **you will find a resting place for your souls**. But they said, ‘We will not walk *in it.*’\

/Psa 95:11 “Therefore I swore in My anger, **They certainly shall not enter My rest.”**

Isa 28:12 He who said to them, “This is the place of quiet, give rest to the weary,” And, “**This is the resting place,” but they would not listen**.\

There is a lot of good doctrinal principles here so we will probably dive right back into Hebrews 4 next lesson.

Bels always want the quick fix and the heavy-revvy to keep them inspired. Some false teachers, do what ever is necessary to keep butts in the seats.

They refuse to go line upon line and really dig into the depth of the word in proper fashion. Because they know most people do not tolerate real, accurate teaching, it is too tedious for this Tik-Tok, microwave world.

 REPEAT

[/Heb 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/4/6/s_1137006) Therefore, **since it remains for some to enter it,** and those who previously had good news preached to them **failed to enter because of disobedience** (*apeitheia*),

Stubbornness, opposition to the divine will of GOD. An obstinate attitude.\

AH-PIE-THAY-AH, within the Greek root words is where we get our English word- APATHY from.

Most stubbornness and obstinate behaviors have a root in apathy – it is not just laziness it means careless. They become very arrogant toward anything or anyone, that doesn’t appeal to their lust patterns.

/Apathy can be a dangerous pathway to spiritual and even personal, or mental destruction. It is a slow-moving journey. Yet once you get far enough down it, your attitude and norms and standards can change dramatically. Which means your thoughts, desires and personality can also shift toward a very selfish and dark place.\

Many friendships and marriages have suffered because apathy got a foothold for a period of time.

It is no different with your relationship with God.