**The greater rest of salvation in Jesus Christ – Heb. 3:7 – 4:13**

**Essential principles for bible interpretation**

* Identify the kind of biblical literature you are reading
* Consider the context of the passage to understand its meaning
* Read the text for plain & obvious meaning
* Understand the writer’s intention when he wrote the text
* Look carefully at the language of the text for the meaning of the text
* Compare scripture to scripture to understand the key meaning of a text

**Jesus Christ the apostle & high priest - 3: 1-6**

* Consider Jesus superior to Moses in His faithfulness to God who appointed Him – 2
* Consider Jesus superior to Moses in His greater honor than Moses – 3
* Consider Jesus superior to Moses as the builder of the church of God – 3-4
* Consider Jesus superior to Moses as the Son of God over the church – God’s people – 5-6
* The church the house of God is confident, hopeful, joyful & enduring – 6

**The warning about hard hearted unbelief – 3:6 -13**

Those who belong to God’s House – live by enduring faith – 3:6 -13

* Today if you hear His voice don’t harden your hearts, like Israel in the wilderness – 7-8
* Today if you have seen God’s work don’t harden your heart and cause God’s anger – 9
* Today if you hear His voice don’t harden your heart and grieve God – 10
* Today if you hear His voice and harden your heart God promises no rest – 11
* Today watch out for hard heartedness by the deceitfulness of sin – 12 -13

Those who are partakers of Christ live by enduring faith & enter God’s rest – 3:14 -19

* Today, if you hear His voice do not harden your heart – 15
* Today don’t provoke God by not hearing His word like Israel – 16
* Today God anger is revealed against sin just as Israel sinned – 17
* Today the hard hearted disobedient will not enter God’s rest just as Israel – 18
* Israel did not enter God’s rest because of unbelief – 19

**Entering the rest of God – 4: 1 - 13**

* Let us fear lest we come short of entering the rest of God – 1
* God’s Word of the gospel (good news) has been preached and those who hear either believe it or disbelieve like Israel – 2
* Believer’s in Christ enter the rest of God by believing the good news preached – 3 – 5

They rest in the completed work of salvation as God finished creation – 4

They rest in the promise rest God provides - 5

* Believer’s in Christ enter God’s rest by enduring faith – 6-8

Israel heard good news but failed to enter because of disobedience – 6

God has extended the preaching of the good news of entering God’s rest for

today – 7 -8

* Believer’s experience the complete rest of God – 9-10

Believer’s experience the sabbath rest of God – perfect, complete - 9

Believer’s rest from their works, resting in the finished work of Christ in the gospel – 10

* Believers are diligent to enter God’s rest by enduring faith and not follow the example of Israel’s disobedience – 11
* God’s Word is living, active, sharp & piercing to reveal the thoughts & intentions of the heart of a person – 12
* None can hide from God the God who has spoken through His Son – everything is seen by Him – 13