

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Finding Rest this Holiday Season” – Pt. 1** **“GREATER – A Study of Jesus in the Book of Hebrews” - Pt. 8** Hebrews 4:1-11 & Selected

### **To Find Rest this Holiday Season...**

#### **I. I will \_\_\_\_\_ wholeheartedly in God’s good news!**

*“Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.” Vs. 1-2*

See Numbers 13:17-14:12

#### **The Promised Land Represented:**

- **God’s beautiful land of \_\_\_\_\_!**
- **God’s amazing hand of \_\_\_\_\_!**
- **God’s clear promise of \_\_\_\_\_!**
- **God’s plan for His people’s \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”*

Luke 2:10-11

#### **II. I will trust wholeheartedly that God’s rest is \_\_\_\_\_ for me!**

*“For we who have believed enter that rest.” Vs. 3a*

**What steals our “rest” most during the holidays?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ over circumstances beyond our control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ over not having enough to make ends meet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ over our perceived giants in the land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ that God’s rest is available and waiting to be received!

<p><b>God _____ want His children to live angry, worried, and fearful lives!</b></p>
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Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

**III. I will \_\_\_\_\_ wholeheartedly for the rest God  
has available for me!**

*“Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.” Vs. 11*

The Apostle Paul, “...for a wide door for effectual work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Corinthians 16:9

*“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” Revelation 14:13*