Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — October 8, 2023

Sermon Notes

Last Week: Attention: Be Sure To Endure, "Hebrews 3:7-19,

by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 95; New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11) Sin is deceitful, tricking us into self-centeredness and self-righteousness. The following things lead to a hard heart:

- Lack of gratitude
- Indifference to what God loves and values
- Doubt and fear
- Ignoring and shutting out the voice of conscience.

This Week: "Jesus' Rest is Superior to the Rest," Hebrews 4:1-13, by Brandon Harris, **Teaching Pastor**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 30:15-18; New Testament Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

To what does the "Therefore" refer to in **Hebrews 4:1**?

What is the promise God made to his people? (Genesis 2:2; Deuteronomy 25:19; Joshua 21:44)

Is this promise still valid for those that trust in God? (Psalm 95)

Here again in **Hebrews 4:1** we are being warned. What are we admonished to do?

What has been proclaimed again to us?

What do we need to attain the promise?

If we distrust God, what will the result be?

Whose rest is available to us, when will the rest be attained, and what will it be like?

If God rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2), why have we not yet entered into it as vet?

When can we enter that rest? (Hebrews 4:7)

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What does it reveal that can lead to obedience? (Mark 7:21; Mark 12:33)

For introspection and obedience:

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