

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.² 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.³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest'", although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today", saying through David so long afterwards, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

SPIRITUAL HEALTH PROBLEMS & TREATMENT

Disobedience Marcus Nodder

Introduction

- free NHS health check

Diagnosis

- condition (v6,11)

- disobedience or unbelief? ¹

Treatment

- look forward (v1,9) ²
 - pattern – in the beginning (v3-4)
 - picture – in the land (v5-8)
 - perfection – in the future (v9-10)

- watch out (v1) ³

- press on (v11) ⁴

'Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.'

Next Week
Series: Spiritual Health – Problems & Treatment
Title: Temptation (Hebrews 4:14-5:10)
Speaker: Marcus Nodder

¹ Hebrews 3:19; 4:2; Romans 15:18; 10:16; 1:5

² Hebrews 11:10

³ Revelation 14:11

⁴ Hebrews 11:13