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ENTERING INTO GOD'S REST:

1. Entering the rest of God is entering into the Salvation that God provided through His Son, Jesus.
 - We believe the Good News of Salvation, we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and we enter into God's rest.
 - We place our trust and confidence in God—and rest in His care and provision. *Titus 3:4-7*
2. The promise of entering God's rest still stands today.
 - Salvation through Jesus is still available to all people. *Psalms 91:1*
 - We are safe and secure in God. *John 10:28*
3. Let us fear lest we come short of receiving this great salvation or feel that it is too late for you.
 - The word fear is not in the sense of fearing you are NOT saved, but fearing you have not CHOSEN to enter into this rest.
 - We should have a fear of God in the sense that we DO NOT miss out on this great opportunity to be forgiven, to receive eternal life, to know that our future is secure with God! *2 Cor. 6:2*

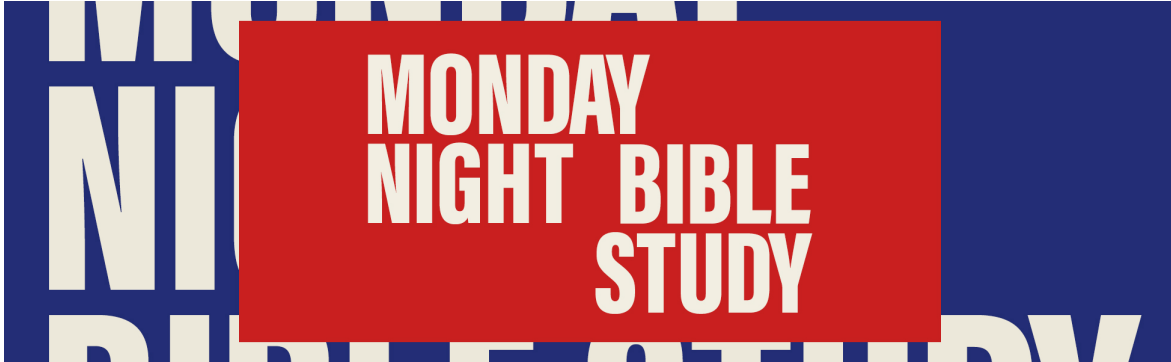
5 EXAMPLES IN THE BIBLE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENTERING INTO GOD'S REST:

1. Don't be like the Israelites who did not enter the Promised Land under the leadership of Moses.
 - They did not trust God's Promise, Protection, and Provision.
 - They received the Promise but did not enter into it because of their unbelief and disobedience.



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- They were afraid of their enemies. They didn't trust God's protection.
 - They were doubted God's provision in the desert.
 - They didn't believe that God would do what He promised.
 - The Christian life is a daily walk with God where we daily trust Him and we resist the temptation to turn back or enter into unbelief.
2. God rested on the 7th day after six days of Creation. *Genesis 2:2*
- God resting from His own work of Creation is a picture to us that we, as believers, can cease from our own efforts to gain salvation by our own works.
 - We can simply rest in the finished work of Christ on the Cross.
3. Joshua, who was allowed to enter into the Promised Land, is an example of entering into God's rest.
- The mention of Joshua reminds us that the name JESUS is the same as "Joshua." Jesus' name in Hebrew was "Yeshua" which translates to English as Joshua.
 - The second Joshua—JESUS—finished what the first Joshua left unfinished.
 - Those who entered the Promised Land with Joshua had to have faith in God's promises to enter in.
 - We enter that rest through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
4. Psalm 95:8
- Emphasizing again that TODAY God is still holding out an offer of salvation rest.
 - Don't harden you heart or wait until it's too late.
5. The Sabbath
- The word *Sabbath* means "to rest."
 - Emphasizes that God's rest may still be entered into by faith in His Son, Jesus.
 - God offers rest through Salvation in Jesus Christ. *John 3:16-18*



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God's Word is TRUTH: *Colossians 3:16*

- God's Word brings true health, spiritual and physical. It causes you to be fruitful, to grow and mature. *Psalm 1*
- The Word of God has healing power and the power to deliver the oppressed. *Psalm 107:20, Matthew 8:8, Matthew 8:16*
- The Word of God, hidden in your heart, will keep you from sin. *Psalm 119:11*
- God's Word will be your Counselor. *Psalm 119:24*
- It is a source of strength. *Psalm 119:28*
- It gives peace to those who love it. *Psalm 119:165*
- Hearing God's Word builds your faith and trust in God. *Romans 10:17*

We need to understand this:

- There was never a High Priest referred to as great—only Jesus!
- No other High Priest passed through the Heavens.
- No other High Priest is the Son of God.
- Jesus is superior to all!

