

The Quest and the Rest



And to whom did God swear that
they would never enter his REST if
not those who DISOBEYED?
So we see that they were not able
to enter because of their
UNBELIEF.

(Hebrews 3:18)

Why did the first generation of Israelites not enter the Promised Land?

- panic

- pessimism

*God called it **disbelief / disobedience**

peitheo = reject, refuse, rebel

CONCEPT = I reject an offer
because I don not trust a) product
or b) the salesman.

From God's point of view,
rejection of his **plan** is
rebellion against his **purpose**.

Hebrews 4 “Rest” is used to describe:

1. God's completion of creation, sabbath
(4:4, 10)

2. Man's trust in God for salvation

(4:3, 9-10)

(cessation of “works” or self effort)

(full surrender to God's working)

* “Before you get into heaven, heaven must get into you.”

3. **Land** of Canaan (**end** of
wandering / homelessness)

(4:3)

4. HEAVEN (earthly work / worry is done)
(4:1,6)

Canaan was not simply a **land**,
but a **lifestyle**. There would still
be “work,” but now it was work
with **permanent** results.

When work is not **burdensome**,
it is actually **refreshing**!

I cannot work for God in order to be saved,
but I gladly work for God because I am saved.
(*Eph. 2:8-10, Rom. 3:27-28*)

Assurance of salvation is an end
to striving and hoping. It is
a condition of trust and rest

*I trust God to do in me
and for me what I cannot
do for myself! (*Gal. 2:20*)

*Now we who believe have
entered that rest
(*Heb. 4:5*)

Canaan = spiritual IDEA, the
reality of REST

Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you REST.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from
me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find REST for your SOUL.
(Mt. 11:28-29)

Canaan was a **symbol** of salvation
and a **picture** of heaven.

Therefore, since the promise of ENTERING HIS REST still stands, be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we have had the gospel preached to us just as they did. But the message was of no value to them...

(Heb. 4:1-2)