

VV STUDY NOTES: 29th January 2022

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The Second Warning

Background

There are clear sections in Book of Hebrew (ignore the 'modern' chapter divisions for a moment) Here's a summary of the early ones:

- a. Introduction to the message the writer wants to get across (1:1-4)
 - b. Jesus is superior to angels (1:5-14)
 - c. **FIRST WARNING: "PAY ATTENTION. . ."** (2:1-4)
 - d. The status of Jesus (2:5-18)
 - e. Compare Jesus with Moses (3:1-6)
 - f. **SECOND WARNING: "DON'T MAKE GOD ANGRY. . ."** (3:7-19)
 - g. What's this "REST" all about? (4:1-11)
 - h. and onwards: further arguments and warnings (4:12 onwards...)
 - . . . "hold fast. . ." (4:14)
 - . . . "get a teacher. . ." (5:12)
 - . . . "go on to perfections. . ." (6:1)
 - . . . and others to follow in future weeks.
- You get the idea?

This week we will look at issues arising from the second warning.

Scripture

Read Hebrews 2:18 through to 4:13 in the NRSVA. Follow the link if you do not have this version available: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!As13yp0pjlRbhp4k-CIBLImqpWUJSg?e=DFbUIO> and also a contemporary version of your choice.

Also read:

Psalm 95, noting especially vs 7b-11

Exodus 17:1-7

Deuteronomy 6:1-19, noting especially vs16-19

Jeremiah 2:2-3; Ezekiel 20:13-17

1 Corinthians 10:1-13, noting especially vs 12-13

Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-14; Isaiah 65:17-25

Areas for Thought and Discussion

What is the relevance of Moses to the writer's overall argument? See 2:18 - 3:6.

What is the testing, going astray and rebellion in 3:8-10, 16-19 all about?

Why did the rebellion / testing / going astray of the Israelites cause God to be angry?

Was God reasonable in being angry? Does 3:11 imply no forgiveness?

How might we as individuals and/or as a Christian Community be testing God?

What was the "rest" referred to in 3:11, 18? Is the "rest" of 4:1 the same "rest"? Why/why not? If it's not the same, then what is it?

Is the "my (God's) rest" referred to in 4:5 the same as "God rested on the seventh day..." in 4:4?

What was the "rest" that Joshua seemingly did not give "them" (the Israelites)? The 7th day Sabbath? or some other sort of "rest"?

What is the "rest" referred to in 4:9-11? How might Isaiah 65:17-25 affect our understanding of "rest"?

Is the "rest" referred to variously in Hebrews 3 and 4 only about The Sabbath as held described and practised within Adventism?

Given that this section of Hebrews is classed as a warning to the listeners, what notice should we take of 3:12-14 and 4:11-13?