

Let us

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 4:1, 11, 14, 16
2. In this chapter these words are given for exhortation.
3. They are encouragements of a mutual nature.
4. The writer did not disassociate himself from each admonition
5. The writer also applied each to himself and to his readers.
6. I want us to look at these words of encouragement

II Discussion

1. Let us fear 4:1
 - a. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge Proverbs 1:7
 - b. Perfect love casts out fear 1 John 4:18
 - c. So there must be two kinds of fear
 - d. We are to fear the Lord Joshua 24:14; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:17
2. Let us labor 4:11
 - a. The idea from the Greek is to give diligence
 - b. So 2 Timothy 2:15 “study” is involved
 - c. We are to give diligence to add 2 Peter 1:3-112
 - d. The passage says we are to give diligence to enter into the rest Matthew 11:28-30.
 - e. Context says this is heaven
3. Let us hold fast 4:14
 - a. Also used in 3:6; 10:23
 - b. It means more than continuing to believe; it also included public demonstration. Matthew 10:32-33; Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 3:12
 - c. The church in Sardis was told to hold fast Revelation 3:3
 - d. We are to hold fast to that which is good 1 Thessalonians 5:21
4. Let us come near 4:16
 - a. This is coming into the throne room of God and asking petitions of Him.
 - b. The opportunity to pray, when you left your room this morning did you think to pray?
 - c. Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - d. Our asking must be correct James 4:3

III Conclusion

1. We as Christians must always work Philippians 2:12
2. There is contained within the Word of God encouragement for us to live for Jesus every day.
3. Are you working, or do you need encouragement during your daily life?
4. The answer is found in our Bibles
5. First though are you a Christian, now is the time to become one

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