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Dr. Erhard Gallows

Sabbath Observance in Hebrews 4 and 10

Examining **Heb 3:7-19** reveals the passage is a commentary on **Ps 95**, and the author's remarks are from the point of view of **Num 14**, leading to the conclusion that the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) is the matrix for **Heb 4:1-16**. The eleven occurrences of *Katapausis* (Greek word for "rest") in the Septuagint refer to (1) the Promised Land **Deut 12:9** (which was not just the resting place for the people of God after their pilgrimage through the desert but as seen from **Deut 12:11** as the place chosen by God himself), (2) the temple, the sanctuary, the habitation desired by God **Ps 132:14**, and finally (3) the Sabbath rest **Exod 35:2**, 2 Maccabees 15:1.

Scholars often like to understand the "rest" in **Heb 4** as an end-time state or event around the throne of God. However, the time frame in **Hebrews 3-4** will happen before the second coming of Christ, as shown by the two following verses in **Heb 3:14** "if we hold secure until the end" and **Heb 4:13**, "the one to whom we must render an account." In other words, the audience of Hebrews lives in the last days but before the final day.

Using a Jewish rabbinic technique called *gezara shawa*, the author of Hebrews connects the term "rest" in **Heb 4:3-4** to the "rest" on the seventh day of creation **Gen 2:2**. "Rest" has to be understood in this context, not by importing all kinds of preconceived notions of rest that are foreign to **Heb 4**. The faithful audience of Hebrews is entering (present tense) the "rest" today. What is the rest? As we already saw, rest in the Septuagint can mean Canaan, temple, or the Sabbath. Canaan is no longer relevant (see, by way of comparison **Heb 11:15**), nor is the temple (see, **Heb 9:24**). What is left is the Sabbath.

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David Bolduc

President’s Perspective “Tuning Our Kids In, To Christ”

I am often asked to preach at other churches and am glad to see younger people taking part in the service. It reminds me when our pastor asked me to help run the PA system in my early teens. It gave me a reason for being in the church and actually made me listen to the sermon. I'll never forget the feeling when almost the whole congregation in one motion turned their heads to look back and see who wasn't running the sound system!

I was blessed with parents who didn't mind the wires or weird noises emanating from my room. Who knew that if you slowed down a robin's song enough times it would sound like a whale? One Wednesday evening I played my collection of police, ambulance, and fire truck recordings on the bull horn speakers I had mounted high in the tree. At that time we lived next to the church, and my dad frantically called on the phone and told me to stop the tape. The folks in prayer meeting heard all those sirens and thought the west end of town had exploded or something, and apparently he recognized my tape!

Churches and ministries like Strong Tower Radio need young people to further our mission to go and tell the world. It's as simple as asking a young person to help with something in the church and being patient with them. If there aren't any young people in the church, maybe ask one of the young kids in the church neighborhood to help with something, especially if it is related to technology.



Recently STR applied for 10 new stations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Of those 10 stations, it looks like the FCC will be granting 5 of those applications in the coming weeks. Those stations are Owosso, South Haven, Greenville, Manistique and Tower Hill, IL. To see the full list, go to our website, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “November 2021 Multi-station Application Post-filing Announcement”. New stations are a bit like young people. They need patience and guidance and will then be able to take their place as workers for the Lord.





Listeners are saying...

I really enjoyed the format & content of the December newsletter. To me it revealed more of the ministry of STR and the lives of the dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you for all you do to share the love of Jesus with so many, many people. -**Text from Florida**

God Bless STR! Please pray for our country's political and financial stress, along with those suffering from illness, poverty or loss. Amen! - **Cadillac**

We enjoy your radio station. Keep up the good work! - **Munising**

Thank you for your radio ministry, which blesses me right out of my socks! God bless you all, keep me in your prayers. - **Escanaba**

To one & all at STR. May His love always bless you, His joy always fill you, His presence always keep you close to all that is good in Jesus. My heartfelt love and gratitude for all you do in His service for the glory of God the Father, Son & Holy Ghost. I just had to express my humble gratitude and thanks for all your labors in Christ that have blessed my past & present...I can't tell you enough how thankful I am for your ministry through STR. - **Gladwin**

So happy for our radio station! - **Grand Rapids**

Thank you STR staff for ministering to my life through this year. Your music and programming have been a blessing to my life. I pray that God will continue to bless you, to increase your territory, and that each of you and your families will experience His reckless, crazy love and His warm embrace of grace throughout this season.

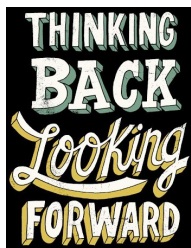
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Forward and Back

By STR Staff

What a dynamic December! We held our annual Christmas party on December 5th. Then, on December 11th, we experienced the 27th STR Variety Hour at Gladwin Church. It was a heartwarming program with incredible talent, message, and listener testimonies, all to the glory of God.

We ended the year with powerful "Strong Tower Radio Today" programs. Bethany and David Bolduc (STR co-founders) told their moving backstory of this ministry, "Blueprint for Men" men's ministry, Christmas "Good Growing with the Garden Guy," and finally, the "2021 Year In Review" summarized how much God blessed us this year. The finale of "The STR 48-hours of Christmas" and "The Christmas Hour" weekday mornings and evenings completed the Christmas season.

In June, Pastor Dan Rachor held a seminar on Hebrews 1-3 and 5-8 during camp meeting; later in August, we invited Dr. Erhard Gallos to record a 4-part series on Hebrews 4 and 10. So, in November, we decided Hebrews was our January theme; little did we know that five years ago, the Adult Sabbath School committee also chose Hebrews for the first quarter Bible study. All this is God's perfect timing!

Strong Tower Radio is growing. We applied for ten new frequencies (stations) during the FCC Noncommercial Educational (NCE) window. The FCC notified us that five of the frequencies applied for are uncontested; as God provides, we will add five new stations in the next three years. Finally, we are working out the final details on a station on the west coast of Michigan. We are planning a radio rally to raise funds at the Grand Haven Seventh-day Adventist church on January 22nd at 4:30 p.m.



STR Today Programs

- 2nd** - Hebrews, Sabbath Observance/Bible Study Resolution
- 9th** - Garden Guy
- 16th** - Little Light Studio
- 23rd** - Shandy and Ramon Satellite Ministry
- 30th** - Born Into Babylon– Jane Iery

Sabbath Observance in Hebrews 4 & 10 (Continued from page 1)

This is made clear by changing the term *Katapausis* (rest) to *Sabbatismos* (Sabbath observance in **Heb 4:9**) in Greek.

In **Heb 4:10** NAS, the author describes how the “rest” will be possible: “For the one who has entered His rest has Himself also rested (past tense) from his works, as God did from His”. This is not a future event/state nor is it a spiritual rest. This becomes evident by the comparative conjunction “as” God rested from His works **verse 10**. God rested on the seventh day, so are we to rest on the seventh day. He rested from all His works, so are we to rest from all our works. Thus, “rest” in **Heb 4** should be taken as a literal seventh-day Sabbath observance rather than a “rest” around the throne of God or spiritual bliss.

Heb 10:19-25 is parallel in its internal structure and phraseology to **4:11-16**. The warning not to “forsake” the gatherings (**Heb 10:25**) connotes not simply neglect but wrongful abandonment (see **Matt 27:46; 2 Tim 4:10, 16; 2 Cor 4:9; Heb 13:5**). The object of this abandonment is “the assembly/gatherings,” a term the author uses to express the assembly of his addressees as a worshipping community. Eusebius uses this term to talk about Christian gatherings for prayer (Eusebius *Hist. Eccl.*, 8.5.1.). The “willful sin” mentioned in **Heb 10:26** is language derived from **Num 15:25-31**. The context describes the distinction between willful/intentional and accidental sins. For the willful sin, Numbers describes a person who picks up sticks on the Sabbath. The present tense of the participle “sinning” suggests that the sin involved is not a single act but a continuing action of neglecting the Sabbath gatherings willfully.

In conclusion, **Heb 3:7-19** is a commentary of **Ps 95**, which has a background of the Kadesh-Barnea experience in **Num. 13-14** (Moses sending out the 12 spies to surveil the land of Canaan). By looking at the term “rest” in the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint), we concluded that this term could refer to the promised land, the sanctuary, or the Sabbath.

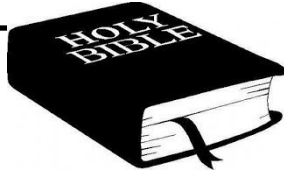
The fact that in **Heb 4:10**, the author changes from the word *Katapausis* (rest) to *Sabbatismos* (Sabbath observance) further clarifies what the author intended the “people of God” to enter (**Heb 4:9**). It was a Sabbath observance. This *Sabbatismos* is not for the Jews or the Gentiles but the “people of God.”

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How are we supposed to enter that Sabbath observance? The very next verse (**Heb 4:10**) explains it indisputably; we are to rest just as God rested from all His works after the six-day creation on the seventh-day Sabbath. God's Sabbath rest after creating this world (**Gen. 2:2**) is quoted in **Heb. 4:4** ("And God rested on the seventh day from all His works" NRSV).

The parallel passage in **Heb 10:25-26** tells us that the acute problem is the intentional neglect of the church gatherings that, as we have seen, are very likely Sabbath gatherings. This continuing, willful, deliberate neglect equates to trampling underfoot, the Son of God (**Heb 10:26-29**). And for this reason, the author strikes such a severe tone in his elaboration on this matter.



Bible Study New Year Resolution

Do you want to start the new year with a resolution worth keeping? Have you considered studying the Bible, and getting to know Jesus better by learning His Word?

We need the Bible in our conscious minds more than ever. Nothing permanent comes, however, without first resolve or resolution supported by constant effort. A systematic Bible study is a time-tested route to Bible comprehension.

We have two suggestions for your Bible Study Resolution;

- 1: BibleStudyOffer.com offers an in-person Bible study or at-home study.
- 2: The Strong Tower Radio (STR) Bible Study. This is an advanced Bible study written by Dr. Carl Coffman.

Please contact us to obtain the STR Bible Study

For more information on the "Bible Study Resolution," find the January 2nd "Strong Tower Radio Today" recording at STR.fm. Under the "Resource" tab, "Archive" button on, and click the "Strong Tower Radio Today" button. The Bible study discussion is the last half hour of the program.

Keep Your Hand To The Plow

While plowing one day, Elisha suddenly felt an overcoat land upon him as he noticed the famed prophet Elijah walk quickly past him. Stunned for a moment, Elisha realized what this action meant: he was to be Elijah's successor!



Kam Ferguson

As Elisha bid his parents farewell, other people were present, and Elisha took decisive action. He took two of the twelve oxen with which he'd been plowing (big plow!), cut up the plow and set it ablaze, sacrificed the oxen, and gave portions to all the people who were present. After that, Elisha would no longer plow with oxen. Instead, he was putting his hand to the gospel plow, and there was no turning back!

This reminds me of the Strong Tower Radio employees and full-time volunteers I work with, we have put our hand to this work, and we will not stop until God lays us to rest or calls us elsewhere. We burned the plow when we entered this work, no looking back!

How is it with you, my reading friend? Have you put your hand to the gospel plow? One way you can keep your hand to the gospel plow is by joining the STR family of monthly supporters. Listeners continue to connect with us and share how God uses STR to bless, strengthen, and stir them with the clear truth of His Word broadcast daily. As found in the Three Angels messages of Revelation 14, *the everlasting gospel* is truth for this time that **ALL need to hear!** Time continues to march forward; let us band together our resources and use them while we can!



Pray much friends, listeners are hearing the truth and making decisions! Together let us plow the field, plant the seeds, cultivate friendship with listeners we meet, and soon we will see such a return on the funds we invest each month that our cup will not be sufficient to hold it!

Thank you for keeping your hand to the plow with Strong Tower Radio!



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1/22 4:30p.m.	Radio Rally	Grand Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church
1/29 11:00a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Paw Paw Seventh-day Adventist Church

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