

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for August 3, 2014**

**Christ is Superior to Moses**  
**Hebrews 4:1-2**

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the prophets (Hebrews 1:1-4). The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels (Hebrews 1:5-2:18). The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-4:13). Christ, as an example of faithfulness, is superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6). Christ's superior example of faithfulness led the author to warn his readers against the sin of unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:13).

The first part of the author's warning against the sin of unbelief focused on Israel's past failure in the wilderness and subsequent judgment after they left Egypt (Hebrews 3:7-19).

The second part of the author's warning against the sin of unbelief focused on the promise of rest "today" (Hebrews 4:1-13).

The author in Hebrews 4:1-2 provided a transitional statement linking what he had said about Israel's past failure to enter the rest that God had promised them and the ongoing promise of rest today.

The word "fear" (PHOBETHOMEN) in this context should be understood as the reverential soberness that is produced when contemplating the awesomeness of God's person and power.

The promised rest that both the author as well as his readers believed was still present and that could be entered by faith was described by the author as "His rest" or in other words as "God's rest."

The only person who can enter into this blessed place of God's rest is someone who has combined the present promise of His rest with true genuine faith in the gospel of Christ (Hebrews 4:2).

May God give us grace so that we through the way we respond to difficulties prove that we through true and genuine faith have entered into God's rest.