

Title: Every day is a new today! – Hebrews 4:7b-13

Read:

Somewhere it's written, "God rested the seventh day, having completed his work," but in this other text he says, "They'll never be able to sit down and rest." So this promise has not yet been fulfilled. Those earlier ones never did get to the place of rest because they were disobedient. God keeps renewing the promise and setting the date as today, just as he did in David's psalm, centuries later than the original invitation: Today, please listen, don't turn a deaf ear . . . And so this is still a live promise. It wasn't cancelled at the time of Joshua; otherwise, God wouldn't keep renewing the appointment for "today." The promise of "arrival" and "rest" is still there for God's people. God himself is at rest. And at the end of the journey we'll surely rest with God. So let's keep at it and eventually arrive at the place of rest, not drop out through some sort of disobedience. God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defence, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

Think:

Have you ever been to a shop or restaurant because you heard that they had a special offer on, only to find that the special offer only applies on certain special days? Not so special after all. Any 'special' offer the world makes you invariably has some sort of a time constraint. Maybe it's only good on Tuesdays, or maybe only between 11 and 1 'o' clock. I can't count the number of times I've found a voucher in my shopping entitling me to some discount, and then noticed in the small print that the offer expired three months ago. God is also making us an offer; the offer of finding rest in Him. But God's offer is different, because instead of setting a specific day for it, He has said that this offer applied "today". And "today" means *now*, whatever day of the week, month or year it happens to be. We don't know when Christ will come again, but until then, as long as you have ears to hear the offer, and a mouth to tell people about it, it's staying open.

Pray:

Thank You God that this is the day You have made. I accept anew the offer of rest You have given to me. Give me the courage to tell others about it, for as long as you keep giving me a new 'today'. Amen

Action:

God's promises remain open, but other opportunities can slip us by, especially opportunities to help people. Is there something you've been procrastinating over? Take this chance to see if it's not too late to get it done.