### HEBREWS 4:6-10

The Second

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Third Conclusions

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- Emphasis is no longer the <u>place</u> of rest, but the <u>time</u> of rest.
  - The Day has come!
  - The rest that God has established is now!
  - His rest remains open...during this Age.

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- Failure of the Israelites to enter into rest did not nullify God's Promise of rest.
  - Their failure...was their disobedience!

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- The Three Times
  - The First Time: Faithless exodus forbidden
  - The Long Time: A new day for entry was prophesied through David (Ps. 95)

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- The Third Time:
  - The Another Day (Time): God announces that day as "Today."
    - Today is His Age of Grace (Ps. 95:11)
    - Today is now! Each time you enter into His presence: Divine Service, Means of Grace.

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#### The Third Time:

- God set this day, Today, as the period of time in human history when those who believe the Gospel can enter into His eternal place of rest!
- Again, we know this as the Age of Grace!

### Third Conclusion<br/> Sabbath Celebration

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- The New Joshua
  - Greek: Jesus/Joshua, same word and meaning.
  - ♦ Hebrew: בוֹלְשׁרֹבֵּ = YAHWEH saves (Mt. 1:21)
    - ❖ Jesus has entered God's rest by His entry into the heavenly sanctuary (Heb. 6:19-20; 9:11-12, 24).

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- Sabbath Rest (Sabbath celebration)
  - ❖ Σαββατισμός = Sabbath rest; a rest from all toils and troubles.
  - Differences between OT Sabbath and eternal Sabbath.

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\* Σαββατισμός = in this Sabbath rest or celebration the preacher is implying that God's people (you) enter into God's eschatological place of rest by listening to His voice, tasting His Spirit-given heavenly food, and joining with the angels in their songs of praise. *All this God provide for you in Divine Service!*