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The Caution

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"For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith."
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- You only have today!

The Sabbath-Rest

1. When you are a believer you enter into God's rest.

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- Matthew 11:28,29

2. There remains a "Sabbath-rest" for God's people.

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- Hebrews 4:9,10

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The Encouragement to Enter the Sabbath-Rest

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"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."
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