**Morning sermon series – Anchored: Find Grace, Stand Firm**

 **"Meeting Place"** (Hebrews 4v1-13)

On the 7th day of Creation, God and the people he had made enjoyed His rest, the life and fellowship with him which they were created for. Failing to trust the Lord’s goodness and his word then resulted in them tragically losing his personal presence.

*Where, in Scipture, is the first Temple?*

**1) The Response that Falls Short** (v1-3)

This was the response of the Exodus generation in the wilderness (Numbers 13-14 that we looked at last Sunday). They heard the promise of God but failed to combine it with faith in God’s personal power and goodness (v2-3), and so they did not find rest.

**2) The Promise that Stands** (v4-13)

God’s promise of his personal presence and fellowship, his 7th creation-day rest, stands. There is an open invitation! Both the Sabbath observance in the Old Testament and the promised land point towards that better rest.

God’s words to us Today is a promise of ‘paradise regained’. It’s a word that is able to give life and that penetrates to the heart (v12-13).

*What does a response look like to God’s promise that is enough?*

**3) The Response that Enters** (v1, Psalm 95 v1-7)

Saving faith is heartfelt faith that enters. Psalm 95 is structured in order to highlight the contrast between the response that enters (Ps 95 v1-7) and the response that falls (Ps 95 v8-11).

The response that saves is the response that enters God’s personal presence, meeting in the secret place of your whole heart and self with Jesus Christ. When we do that, our hearts will increasingly sing, leap and wonder as we realise that we can return his love for ourselves.

*What does it mean to us to be able to say: “I am yours, Lord, and You are mine?” (Ps 95 v7)*

**Anchored in the Presence of the Son!**

**Evening sermon series – God’s Kindness to Us**