

Entering God's REST~ Hebrews 4:1-11

→Scripture Reading Heb. 3:19, 4:1-2, 6

INTRODUCTION

Types of REST in the Bible MacDonald

- God RESTED on the sixth day of Creation Gen 2:2
- The Promised Land was supposed to be the Land of REST for Israel
- The REST of Salvation Matt 11:28
- The REST of Service Mt. 11:29
- Eternal REST

The Promise of REST ~ Hebrews 4:1-10 HNTC

1-2 A Rest that Must be Claimed

¹ Therefore, since the PROMISE of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ² 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*.

3-5 A Rest Patterned after God's Rest

³ Now we who have believed ENTER that REST, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet His work has been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere He has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

6-10 A Rest Which Still Remains

⁶ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. ⁷ Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later HE spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's REST also rests from his own work, just as God did from His.

The REST God promised includes perfect fellowship and harmony with Him. We only get a taste of it here - the more Surrendered we are to the Lord the More we Experience His REST. Unknown

IMPLICATIONS

→REST is an growing personal Relationship with the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV) Come to ME, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you REST. ²⁹ Take MY yoke upon you and learn from ME, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find REST for your souls.

Putting on the YOKE Means... PTW

- If we are TIRED and Weary He gives us REST
- He is humble and gentle and we WILL find REST

→REST - is enjoying a growing intimate Relationship with Jesus Christ

→REST - is NOT about our Circumstances

→REST - is NOT about our Circumstances - it is about TRUSTING God no matter what

Isaiah 30:15 (NET) For this is what the Master, the LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: If you repented and patiently waited for Me, you would be DELIVERED; if you calmly trusted in Me you would find STRENGTH, but you are UNWILLING.

¹⁵ ...But you would have NONE of it. (NLT)

TAKE AWAY

We can REST IN Christ because... JDGreear

➤ **He is OUR Righteousness**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) God made Him who had no sin to BE sin for us, so that IN Him WE might become the righteousness of God.

If I am IN Christ there is nothing that I can do to make God love me more and nothing I can do to make Him love me less. JDGreear

➤ **He is OUR Identity**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ...if anyone is IN Christ, he is a NEW CREATION; the old has gone, the new has come.

Romans 8:15 (NLT) So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when HE ADOPTED you as His own children. Now we call Him, Abba, Father.

➤ **He is OUR Security**

John 10:27-28 (NIV) My sheep listen to MY voice; I know them, and they follow ME. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can SNATCH them out of MY hand.

Jude 1:24 (NLT) Now all glory to God, who is ABLE to KEEP you from FALLING away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault.

➤ **He has become OUR Priority**

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and ALL these things will be given to you as well.

Ford Motor Co - used to say - **Quality is Job 1**

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In Life there are **FIRST things** - God. And then **SECOND things** - everything else.

When you put FIRST things first you not only get the First thing - but you also get all the second things. BUT when you put SECOND things First - not only do you lose the First thing you eventually lose the second things. CSLewis

Ecclesiastes 12:8 (NIV) Meaningless! Meaningless. says the Teacher. Everything is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NIV) Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.