

Resting in God's WORD ~ Hebrews 4:11-13

→ Scripture Reading Heb. 11:11-13

INTRODUCTION

Deuteronomy 33:27 (NLT) The eternal God IS your **refuge**, and **His everlasting arms are under you**.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarm
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Pierced by the WORD ~ Hebrews 4:11-12

¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

→ **REST is the enjoyment of an intimate close relationship with Jesus Christ**

¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

...we are often a mixture of motivations both genuinely Spiritual and completely Human. BKC

God's WORD is... HNTC

- LIVING - dynamic, productive
- ACTIVE - never passive
- PENETRATING - does the impossible
- JUDGING - decides between

IMPLICATIONS

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing** of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Isaiah 55:11 (NLT) It is the same with **My WORD**. I send it out, and it **ALWAYS produces fruit**. It will **accomplish ALL I want it to**, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

Naked, Exposed, Accountable ~ Hebrews 4:13

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→ Exposure to GOD'S Word - is Exposure to God HIMSELF

James 1:19-20 (NIV) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick** to LISTEN, **slow** to SPEAK and **slow** to become ANGRY, ²⁰ for **man's ANGER** does NOT bring about **the righteous life** that **God desires**.

Jeremiah 18:3-6 (NIV) So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, **shaping it as seemed best to HIM**.

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.

Psalms 103:11-14 (NIV) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, **so the LORD has compassion** on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for **He knows how we are formed**, He remembers that we are dust.

TAKE AWAY ??

John 6:66-68 (NLT) At this point many of His disciples TURNED AWAY and **deserted Him**.

⁶⁷ Then **Jesus** turned to the Twelve and asked, "**Are you also going to leave?**" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, **Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.**