

The Rest of God

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This is quite a subject for me to discuss, it is a very deep subject, and one that's not derived at easily. However, it is important that, the rest of God, is understood in the Body of Christ. The word rest, has several Greek, and Hebrew, meanings. In the book of Genesis, chapter 2, verse 2 -3, the word rest is **Saback** (Shaw-bath), meaning cease, celebrate, to be still, Sabbath, H7673, Strong's Hebrew, and Greek, Dictionaries. In Hebrews, chapter 4, verse 4-5 , the word rest is **Katapauo**, (Kat ap ow' o) meaning to settle, to colonize, to cease, G2664, Strong's Hebrew, and Greek, Dictionaries. In Hebrews chapter 4, verse 9 the word rest is **Sabbatismos**, (Sab bat is mos'), a type of heaven rest, G4520, Strong's Hebrew, and Greek, Dictionaries. In Hebrews chapter 4, verse 10-11 the word rest is **Katapausis** (Kat ap' ow sis), to abode, to stay, a living place, a home, G4520 Strong's Hebrew, and Greek, Dictionaries. So we can see, rest, can be something you do, or a place of habitation, environment, or place of location physically, or spiritually. Lets take a look at the scriptures mentioned, shall we?

Genesis 2:2-3 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

- 2 And on the seventh day God completed His work which He had made. **And He rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.
- 3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because **He rested from all His work** on it, which God had created to make

Genesis 2:2-3 (Modern King James Version)

- 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made. And **He rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.
- 3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it **He had rested from all His work** which God created to make.

Hebrews 4:1-12 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

- 1 Therefore, let us fear lest perhaps a promise having been left to **enter into His rest**, *that* any of you may seem to come short.
- 2 For, indeed, we have had the gospel preached *to us*, even as they also; but the Word did not profit those hearing *it*, not having been mixed with faith in the ones who heard.
- 3 **For we, the ones believing, enter into the rest, even as He said,** "As I swore in My wrath, **they shall not enter into My rest,**" **though the works had**

come into being from the foundation of the world. *LXX-Psa. 94:11;*
MT-Psa. 95:11

4 For He has spoken somewhere about the seventh *day* this way, "And God rested from all His works in the seventh day." *Gen. 2:2*

5 And in this again, "**They shall not enter into My rest.**" *MT-Psalms 95:11*

6 Therefore, since **it remains for some to enter into it**, and those who formerly had the gospel preached **did not enter in on account of disobedience**,

7 **He again marks out a certain day**, saying in David, **Today** (after so long a time, according as He has said), "**Today**, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." *MT-Psalms 95:7, 8*

8 **For if Joshua gave them rest, then He would not have afterwards spoken about another day.**

9 **So, then, there remains a sabbath rest to the people of God.**

10 For **He entering into His rest, He Himself also rested from His works**, as God had rested from His own. *LXX-Psa. 95:11; Gen. 2:2*

11 **Therefore, let us exert ourselves to enter into that rest, that not anyone fall in the same example of disobedience.**

12 For the Word of God is living, and powerfully working, and sharper than every two-edged sword, and piercing as far as *the* division of both soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge of the thoughts and intentions of the heart;**

Hebrews 4:1-12 (Gods Word Version)

1 **God's promise that we may enter His place of rest still stands.** We are afraid that some of you think **you won't enter His place of rest.**

2 We have heard the same Good News that your ancestors heard. **But the message didn't help those who heard it in the past because they didn't believe.**

3 **We who believe are entering that place of rest.** As God said, "So I angrily took a solemn oath that **they would never enter My place of rest.**" God said this even though **He had finished His work when He created the world.**

4 Somewhere in Scripture God has said this about the seventh day: "On the seventh day **God rested from all His work.**"

5 God also said in the same passage, "**They will never enter My place of rest.**"

6 **However, some people enter that place of rest.** Those who heard the Good News in the **past did not enter God's place of rest because they did not obey God.**

7 **So God set another day. That day is today.** Many years after your ancestors **failed to enter that place of rest** God spoke about it through David in the passage already quoted: "**If you hear God speak today, don't be**

stubborn."

8 If Joshua had **given the people rest, God would not have spoken about another day.**

9 **Therefore, a time of rest and worship exists for God's people.**

10 **Those who entered His place of rest also rested from their work as God did from His.**

11 **So we must make every effort to enter that place of rest. Then no one will be lost by following the example of those who refused to obey.**

12 God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. **God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions.**

It seems to me, a lot of people that I have met, are seeking a lot of things from God. Like wives, cars, houses, land, money, power, fame, and fortune. I have not as of yet, heard anyone say to me, hey, lets seek the rest of God, to enter in as God Himself has said. Why is this? Why do we ask for things, but we do not seek the very thing God asked us to seek for, today. The King James V puts Hebrews 4:1 this way.

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

To come short of something, is to miss out on it, to not endure long enough to experience it. To come short, is to not last long enough to reach your goals set for you. God, Himself, has set these goals, and experiences for us, along with a place of rest in Himself. And, we are not interested in finding it? Hello!!!! Are we not afraid of losing out on the goals, and experiences, of God, that He Himself told us to seek out, and to find, lest we come short of them. I will, Oh Lord, forever seek Your rest, to enter into it, and to cease from my own labors, and efforts, and receive the finished works of the cross in my life forever, and ever Amen. Finding the rest of God, is the final steps to entering into the Kingdom of God, which is the first step in our seeking our place in Christ Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said, in

Matthew 11:28-30. (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

28 Come to Me, **all those laboring and being burdened, and I will give you rest.**

29 Take **My yoke upon you and learn from Me,** because I am meek and lowly in heart, "**and you will find rest to your souls.**" *Jer. 6:16*

30 For **My yoke is easy,** and **My burden is light.**

Matthew 11:28-30 (1965 Bible in Basic English)

28 Come to Me, **all you who are troubled and weighted down with care,** and **I will give you rest.**

29 Take **My yoke** on you and **become like Me,** for I am gentle and without pride, and you **will have rest for your souls;**

30 For **My yoke is good,** and **the weight I take up is not hard.**

Matthew 11: 28-30 (Young's Literal Translation)

28 `Come unto Me, **all ye labouring and burdened ones,** and **I will give you rest,**

29 **take up My yoke** upon you, and **learn from Me,** because I am meek and humble in heart, and ye shall **find rest to your souls,**

30 for **My yoke is easy,** and **My burden is light.'**

Matthew 11: 28-30 (God's Word V)

28 "Come to Me, **all who are tired from carrying heavy loads,** and **I will give you rest.**

29 **Place My yoke over your shoulders,** and **learn from Me,** because I am gentle and humble. **Then you will find rest for yourselves**

30 because **My yoke is easy** and **My burden is light."**

If you are tired from carrying heavy loads, (trying to fulfill the law of Moses), Jesus will give you rest. If you are laboring, and are burden, if you are troubled, and weighted down with cares, come to Jesus, and He will give you a everlasting rest, which no man, or medicine, can give to you. The first step is, to come to Him, the second step is, to give Him your heavy loads, everything that you think you have to do, in or by your flesh, to get to His approval. You will not find Jesus, or His rest by trying to fulfill the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses is man's attempt to get to God, through his own works, and efforts, to satisfy Gods' requirements, of Holiness. Listen, make a conscious, and spiritual effort, to hear what Jesus said about the Law of Moses.

John 1: 17 (American Standard V)

17. For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

John 1:17 (Gods Word V)

17. The Teachings were given through Moses, but **kindness and truth came into existence through Jesus Christ.**

John 1:17 (King James V)

17. For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

John 1:17 (Murdock V)

17. For the law was given by the hand of Moses; but **the reality and grace was by the hand of Jesus Messiah.**

The law Of Moses, was given to Moses, a man, to give to men, but Grace, God's kindness, reality, and truth, came by, and through, our Lord, and Savior, Messiah Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. The Law of Moses, was written by the Hand of God, and past down to the people. But Grace, and Truth was given to us personally, by, and through, God's Son Jesus Christ. This is reality, this is Grace, and Truth, in the Person of Jesus Christ Himself. The first covenant, (Hebrews 8:13, 9:9-10) was the Law of Moses, but our rest is found in the second covenant, which is Grace, and Truth, in the Person of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior, **Hallelujah!!!!!!!** Now lets take a look at how Jesus came, and what He came to do, if you do not know this you will never find your rest in Him.

Galatians 4:1-6 (King James V)

1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, **though he be lord of all;**

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 **But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**

5 **To redeem them that were under the law,** that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 **And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**

Galatians 4:1-6 . (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

1 But I say, Over so long a time the heir is an infant, **he being lord of all,** does not differ from a slave,

2 but is under guardians and housemasters until the *term* set before by the father.

3 So we also, when we were infants, we were under the elements of the world, being enslaved.

4 **But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, having come into being out of a woman, having come under Law,**

5 **that He might redeem the ones under Law,** that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 **And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba! Father!**

Galatians 4:1-6 (Gods Word V)

1 Let me explain further. As long as an heir is a child, he is no better off than a slave, **even though he owns everything.**

2 He is placed under the control of guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

3 It was the same way with us. When we were children, we were slaves to the principles of this world.

4 **But when the right time came, God sent His Son into the world. A woman gave birth to Him, and He came under the control of God's laws.**

5 **God sent Him to pay for the freedom of those who were controlled by these laws** so that we would be adopted as His children.

6 **Because you are God's children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into us to call out, "Abba! Father!"**

The main point that I would like you to see is verse 4-5 “4 But when the right time came, **God sent His Son into the world.** A woman gave birth to Him, and He came **under the control of God's laws.** 5. **God sent Him to pay for the freedom** of those who **were controlled by these laws** so that we would be adopted as His children.” Jesus the Son of God set us free from the Law of Moses, by coming to earth under the law, to **Redeem** us from the Law of Moses, **Hallelujah!!!!** To **redeem** something, is to make it acceptable in spite of its self. To **redeem** something, is to restore in spite of one’s reputation. To **redeem** is to, reestablish something better than it was before. To **redeem**, is to atone something, or someone, by buying back with a great price, or by exchanging one’s life for another, even when they don’t deserve it. The first step towards the rest of God, is knowing you have been **Redeemed** from the Law of Moses, **by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ Himself Hallelujah!!!!** There is no need for anymore of our self efforts. “For Christ has set us free from the Law of sin, and death,” it is Christ, and Christ alone. Can you rest in this truth? And forever celebrate it, and be refreshed in the finished works of the cross, that was finished by, and through Jesus the Christ, for us to receive, and walk in. Can you believe its that simple? To understand how one can enter into the rest of

God, one must also understand, and know the order of the temple, and how it relates to us, and life itself, and the different dimensions, or levels in the temple. There is a gate, that is named **The way** that leads to the outer courts, where a washing, and repentance took place. Also there must be a sacrifice made, and the burning of the flesh. There is brass, water, blood, and fire. The brass represents our sins being dealt with. The water, and brass, was to see a reflection of your self, while you washed yourself. The blood is a method of dealing with, and the removal, of one's sins, but the fire, is for the burning away of the flesh

Hallelujah!!!! All of us must become a living sacrifice, (Roman 12:1-2), washed in the water of His word, repenting of our sins, cleansed, and restored by His Blood. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. While looking in the washbasin, we should see the reflection of Christ forming in us, no longer looking like the world anymore, but like Him, **Hallelujah!!!!** But we must not stop there, we must go through the gate called **The Truth**, into the **Holy Place**, and learn the character of God, and how to work with Him, and Him with us. In the Holy Place, there is an **Menorah**, the light stand, made of pure gold. Also there is the **Show Bread Table**, with the **Bread of His Presence**, made with wood, and overlaid with gold. Also there is the **Altar of Incense**, where our prayers, and praises go up to the Lord God, also made with wood overlaid with gold. Must I tell you, "Jesus is the light of the world," but the oil represents the Holy Spirit given to us from God Himself, through His Son. The fire is God forever burning inside of us, so we can continually be a light for Him in this world. **The Table of Show Bread, and the Bread of His Presence**, represents us eating of Jesus, that is always present with us at all times, in the good times, and in the bad times, **Hallelujah!!!!** But, also present in the Holy Place is the **Altar Of Incense**, where prayers, and praises go up continually, day and night. It is a beautiful place. Wood represents man, while gold represents God's deity, working with man. We as God's people love it here, we are working with God, we are seeing God's Hand move on our behalf, we are feeling the Presence of God, we love it there. The sad part about this is, we are still missing out on, and, falling short of the next dimension, in the temple, and in Christ Jesus. It is the rest that is talked about in Hebrews 4, that was mentioned earlier in this text, a place to enter into **Today**. "**As it is, however, there still remains for God's people a rest like God's resting on the seventh day.**" Hebrews 4:9 (Good News Bible). That rest is **Sabbatismos**, (Sab bat is mos'), a type of heaven rest, G4520, Strong's Hebrew, and Greek, Dictionaries. That would be known as the **Most Holy Place, or the Holy of Holies**, you must enter through the gate, through the veil, called **The Life**. It would not get any Holier than that, until Jesus, would shed His own Blood on Calvary. And that is why Jesus lets us know, He is every Gateway to the temple, and to every spiritual place, or dimension, we need to get to in Him. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and life (John 14:6)." The **Most Holy Place, or the Holy of Holies**, had the Ark of the Covenant in it, that housed the very presence of God. In the Ark of the Covenant, or Ark of the testimony, was the two stone tablets, Aaron's rod that budded, and the manna from heaven. The top of the ark, with the cherubim's facing each other, but looking down, was pure gold. The bottom of the ark was, wood laid in gold inside and out, the wood was submerged inside the gold. The top the ark is all God,

known as the **Mercy Seat**.

The inside of the ark of the covenant, where the two stone tablets, Aaron's rod that budded, and the manna from heaven laid, represented, the rules of God, the authority of God, and the provision of God. But you, and I, are the wood submerged inside the gold, representing, us being in Christ Jesus, and Christ being in us. So where do I get the laws and rules of God from now? I am glad you asked. It comes from the Spirit of God's Son, known as the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, He was given to us with the second covenant to replace the law of Moses. It is not an outward rule with self effort, but a inward rule by the power of the Holy Spirit of God Himself Hallelujah!!!!!! Its not about me trying to do things for God's approval, its about me receiving the approval of God through the finished works of the cross of Jesus Christ alone. My rules, God authority, and the provision of God, comes to me when I have the spiritual consciousness of being in Christ Jesus, and knowing all Christ has done for me at Calvary. Jesus' Blood, covers the ark the covenant, which is you and I, Jesus is our Mercy Seat, and we are the temple of the most high God. So what part of the temple will you abide, and stay in, the outer court, where you are repenting all the time. Or will you advance and stay in the Holy Place, knowing the character of God, and the gifts of God, enjoying His presence, and His glory, but never becoming one with Him. Becoming one with God, can only come from being in the Most Holy Place, the Holy of Holies, the rest of God, the Seventh day of God. We must make every effort, we must exert ourselves, we must labor to enter in the rest of God, and cease from our own efforts, and our own laboring, to get God's approval, and enter into His rest. We must get to the place where we are not trying to work for God, or with God, but God is working through us!!!! That is the rest of God, that He does not want us to fall short of, or miss out on, here and now. When Jesus quotes different verses in the bible that we are not fulfilling, its not that they are not true, and I don't believe its because we do not have enough faith. I believe its because we are not in the third dimension, the Most Holy Place, The rest of God, where God is fulfilling His work through us. Lets take a look at some of these quotes, shall we?

John 15:7 (King James V)

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7 (Gods Word V)

7 If you live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours.

John 15:7 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

7 If you remain in Me, and My Words remain in you, whatever you desire you

will ask, and it shall happen to you.

John 14:17-20 (King James V)

17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

18 *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

19 *Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.*

20 *At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.*

John 14:17-20 (Gods Word V)

17 That **Helper is the Spirit of Truth**. The world cannot accept Him, because it doesn't see or know Him. You know Him, because **He lives with you and will be in you.**

18 "I will not leave you all alone. I will come back to you.

19 In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me. **You will live because I live.**

20 On that day you will know that **I Am in My Father and that you are in Me and that I am in you.**

John 14:17-20 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

17 **the Spirit of Truth**, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, **for He abides with you and shall be in you.**

18 **I will not leave you orphans;** I am coming to you.

19 Yet a little *while* and the world no longer sees Me, but you see Me. **Because I live, you also shall live.**

20 In that day you shall know that **I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you.**

John 14:12-14 (King James V)

12 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

13 *And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

14 **If ye shall ask any thing in My Name, I will do it.**

John 14:12-14 (Gods Word V)

12 "I can guarantee this truth: **Those who believe in Me will do the things that I am doing. They will do even greater things because I am going to the Father.**

13 **I will do anything you ask the Father in My Name** so that the Father will be given glory because of the Son.

14 **If you ask Me to do something, I will do it.**

John 14:12-14 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

12 Indeed, I tell you truly, **the one believing into Me, the works which I do, that one shall do also, and greater than these he will do,** because I go to My Father.

13 **And whatever you may ask in My Name, this I will do,** that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 **If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it.**

Have you ever asked something in Jesus' Name, that you did not get? I have, and I can tell you, it was not because of the lack of my faith, or unbelief. I believe it was because I was not in the rest of God, the third dimension, where all things are possible if you believe, that God is working through you, because now you have the faith of God working in you, and through you. Lets be real, and transparent with ourselves, Are you seeing everything Jesus' has quoted in these scriptures? If not, **there is hope**, we must make every effort, we must exert ourselves, we must labor to enter in **the rest of God**, and cease from our own efforts, and our own laboring, our own way of doing things, and expecting God's approval on them. God approves the finished works of the Cross of Christ, and that is the only work He is interested in seeing in us, and from us. Listen to what Hebrews 10:9-10 says (King James V)

9 Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second.

10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

Hebrews 10:9-10 (Gods Word V)

9 Then Christ says, "I have come to do what You want." He did away with sacrifices in order to establish the obedience that God wants.

10 **We have been set apart as holy because Jesus Christ did what God**

wanted Him to do by sacrificing His Body once and for all.

Hebrews 10:9-10 (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible)

9 then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first in order that He may set up the second;

10 by which will we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:9-10 (1965 Bible in Basic English)

9 Then he said, See, I have come to do your pleasure. He took away the old order, so that he might put the new order in its place.

10 By that pleasure we have been made holy, by the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once and for ever.

So we can see, our rest, is in what Jesus has already done for us on Calvary's Cross, it is not in what we think we can do for God, in, and with our own efforts. However, we must believe the Good News, "**So God set another day. That day is today**" to enter into His rest. Lord please grant us the grace to cease from our foolishness, and to die to ourselves, and our man made stinking thinking, that we think are brilliant ideas. Help us Lord, open our eyes, our hearts, and our spiritual minds. Help us to go beyond the veil of our flesh, in the Holy Place, into the Holy of Holies where You are continually present day, and night. Lord we need You to hear us, and lead us into the rest of God forever, and ever Amen. Lord it no more games, no more pretending, no more ignoring that we are not where we should be in you. Lord Help us lest we come short of entering Your rest, and missing the dimension You most want us to enter in, and experience to its fullness. Lord, Thy will be done, and Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven, in Your Body, today and forevermore. Yours forever....

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