

Working from Rest

(Ge 2:2) ²And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Biblical Rest is not Inactivity but Inhabitation (Ps 22:3)

God's Work includes forward into the Future

God made the Garden – place of Rest, Peace, Fellowship

Adam had Work – not difficult (creation cooperated)

Fall/Curse brought Toil (Work changed)

Sabbath; day of rest – more about Intimacy than Inactivity

(Isa 58:13-14) ¹³“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, ¹⁴Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Result was Prosperity (Blessed Work)

NT – free of Sabbath obligation, not the concept (Rom 14:5-6)

(Jn 5:16-17) ¹⁶For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

God never stopped Working

He Works from a position of Rest (He didn't fall, still like in Garden)

(Mt 11:28-30) ²⁸“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Language of Work in context of Rest

Hebrews 3 & 4

(Heb 3:7-8) ⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,

(Heb 3:11) ¹¹So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’

Land of Promised Blessing

(Heb 3:19) ¹⁹So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

(Heb 4:1-4) ¹Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ²For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

³For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest,” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”;

The Promised Land was entering His Finished Works (Rest)

Battles, but Prepared: couldn't lose if in Him

(Heb 4:9-11) ⁹There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. ¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

We enter that Rest through Faith that the Works are all Complete. (Prepared)

His Leadership, Protection and Provision can be completely trusted.

We are Diligent to get in the place of Intimacy and Faith. (Rest)

(Jn 19:30) ³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

All of Christ's Work is finished! (Implications) Even you. (Col 2:10)

We Rest in that! (Not trying to Become, but to Be what He already made.)

(Heb 10:12-13) ¹²But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

At Rest, always Working.

Not wondering; certain of completion accomplished from foundation of world.

(Eph 2:4-10) ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Faith/Rest = certain of completion accomplished before foundation of world.

Learning to be in Him in the Moment.

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