

The Message Of Rest

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Hebrews 4:1-11

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.

² For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

³ For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴ For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

⁵ And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

⁶ Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

⁷ Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

⁸ For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

⁹ There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

¹⁰ For he that is entered into his rest,
he also hath ceased from his own
works, as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Man, Before The Fall,
Was In Rest

62-0607 - Putting On The Whole
Armor Of God

18 I'm glad there's something we
can put complete trust in, aren't
you? Something that's...

We don't have to wonder, think about, just know that we could just rest like little children. I think that's the way we should be, especially Christians. We should be like...

In the beginning you notice, man is trying to find that place, because when he was first made in the image of God, he didn't have to shift for himself, and God taken care of him.

But since he become a—an alien, or
a—a wanderer, then he has to shift
for himself, and he's suspicious of
everything.

He's just (if you excuse the expression) kind of spooky. Everything looks a little leery, he's gone, he don't want to wait for it.

60-0606 - To Whom Would We Go?

11 ...May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of the Word. And if I should call it a text, I would like to speak on this subject for a few moments: “To Whom Would We Go?”

10 You know, man hasn't changed
very much. He's still wandering
about in the
world seeking pleasure, restless,
never satisfied, never coming to
any right conclusions, never
finding rest.

He's just about in the same
condition that he was when he left
God in the garden of Eden and
went out to shift for himself.

He's been shifting ever since. And
he finds it's a rough way to go. And
it looks like he doesn't care very
much, to many, just where this life
will end up for them.

And if we could set down and take inventory, and ask the question of why are we here? How come that we ever come on this earth and what brought us here? And where is our eternal destination going to be?

61-0214 - The Basis Of Fellowship

90 He tried to build a tower so he could get out of the way of all the floods and destructions, and find his way back on this tower, in Babel, back to God.

God condemned it, and confused their language, and the tower dropped. And every time that man tries to make his own way, he—he fails.

91 After he lost his fellowship with God he become a wanderer, had to shift for himself. God taken care of him before then, but now he finds he has to shift for himself, and it's a pretty hard thing.

So he doesn't have a loving Father
to watch over him, and protect
him, and guide him, and direct
him, and feed him, and clothe him,
and care for him like he did. So
instead of coming back, he tries to
find his own way.

He wants to make his own way
back. Man wants to make his own
way; he's always had. Always will, I
suppose, try to find his own way,
and every time he make his own
way, he's always gets wrong.

60-0925 - That Day On Calvary

49 Therefore, when man realized
that he was separated from his
God, he become a wanderer.

They wept. They cried. They
toiled. They wandered about,
through the mountains and
through the deserts, seeking a City
whose builder and maker was
God.

For, he knew that if he ever got
back in the Presence of God, he
could talk it over with Him. But
there was no way back. He become
lost.

He didn't know which way to
turn, so he just took out,
wandering, trying to find
somewhere that he could find a
way back to that Place. Something
on the inside of him told him that
he come from a—a Place that was
perfect.

There is not a person here in this
visible audience, this morning, or
in the audience of the magnetic
tape, where it'll go around the
world, there is no one here, or
anywhere, but what seeks for that
perfection.

50 You get your bills paid, you think, "That'll settle it." When you got your bills paid, then there's somebody sick in your family. When the sickness gets all right, then you got more bills to pay.

The first thing you know, your hair is turning gray, and then you want to be back young. And there's something all the time, constantly, and because of that wave of sin.

But in your heart, because that you
seek for that, it shows that there is
a Perfection somewhere.
Somewhere, there's something.

Rest Is Not Idleness Or
Worldly Prosperity

59-0708E - Be Certain Of God

14 All these things had long left Ahab, because he married this sinner girl. Oh, she was very sexy, like these modern girls of today.

It prove that, after her husband was dead; she dressed herself and twisted out before Jehu, thought she could vamp that man of God, but he said, “Throw her out of the window.”

We had more man like Jehu today, we'd have less Jezebels. But that was her nature, and she was a worshiper of idolatry. And she brought the whole nation to idolatry.

And so has
our modern trend today, falling
away from the things of God and
has brought the world to one of
the greatest idolatries that we
have, that's idleness. Just idling
around.

Great is the iniquity of the people today, making plenty of money, and think that God's a blessing us because He's prospered us. That's no sign of God's blessing, not at all.

The Whole Christian
Principle Is Based
Upon Rest

56-0128 - Inspiration

45 The other night the Lord give me a message on resting. The whole Christian principle is based upon rest. I woke up about ten o'clock in the night.

I didn't have no audience to preach to, and so I just, well, I went over and woke up my wife and preached to her till one o'clock in the morning about resting: good audience. But I was burning in my heart, resting.

I said, “Why are we troubled? ‘Let not your hearts be troubled,’ He said. We’re just resting. ‘Come to Me and ye shall find rest. Take My yoke upon you, learn of Me,’ finding rest.” Then, while...

I said when you once come to
Christ, once believe Him, once
accept Him, enter into the rest, all
the things of the world seems to
die away. You've got rest then, rest
to your soul. And you enter into
that state, and there you
are. You're resting then with
Christ.

56-0427 - Faith

25 ...When you've come to
Christ, everything's
settled. "Come unto Me all ye that
labor—labor and are heavy laden,
and I'll give you rest."

It's settled. It's all over. Christ has
done paid the price. Everything
you have to do is just rest. Let
down.

Quit jumping around, getting all
disturbed, place to place and
denominations, packing your letter
from the Methodists to the
Baptist. Put it in heaven once and
leave it there. See? Don't be
disturbed. Let God...

Just come to Him and rest. If He's
Jehovah-jireh, rest on it. If He's
Jehovah-rapha, rest on it. If He's
the Lord that saves us by
grace, rest on it. If He's the Lord
Who heals us by grace, rest on it.

If He's the God that's coming from
heaven with ten thousands of His
saints, rest on it. If the dead in
Christ shall rise first, rest on it.

Everything, rest. Oh, my. I feel pretty religious right now. Oh, resting, not jumping about from pillar to post and carried about with every wind of doctrine, but resting on what God said.

26 Every promise in the Book is yours. Every amen and yea is yours. What you got to be worried about? Even old age, it shouldn't have a thing to do with it.

Sickness has nothing to do with
it. God promised, and God has to
keep His promise. See what we're
trying to do is get the scare away
from you.

Rest And Grace Go
Together;
Works And Law Go
Together

61-0129 - Turning Northward

It would be hard for Israel to think that the promised land was forty years away when they were standing on the other side of the Red Sea, dancing, shouting, rejoicing, when they were only merely just a few days from it.

It isn't but just a very short time. I think with an automobile you could probably drive it in an hour and a half.

By walking you could make it in two days, three or four something like that, easy. You could go on to the promised land.

And they were thinking that they were almost there, and they were having a great jubilee of shouting and praising God, and seeing what God had did for them, and how that...

It'd been hard to make them believe that they was forty years away from that promise, to the full promise of God that He promised them.

5 Grace had provided them a great thing. Grace had provided them a Passover lamb. Grace had provided them a prophet.

And grace had provided them an
Angel. The Passover lamb was for
their sins.

Their prophet was their
instructor. The Angel was their
guide. Grace had provided everythi
ng for them. But in spite of all of
that, they wanted a law.

And this grace had provided them
an escape out of Egypt before they
had any
law. Then grace had provided the
m one of the greatest revivals that
they'd ever had. In this revival they
had seen great powers of God.

In this revival they had seen
sunshine while the rest of the
world was in darkness. In this
revival they'd seen the mighty
hand of God deliver the innocent
people, bringing them from
bondage in deliverance.

And in this revival, after they'd
crossed over the Red Sea, they
found all their enemies dead in the
Red Sea behind them. Why would
they want to add anything to that?

6 They stand just about like our Pentecostal fathers did about forty years ago or a little better, after we had seen the same things that they had seen, one of the mightiest revivals that the church ever had:

Seen divine healing, the people brought out of bondage, being bound by fetters of denominations and so forth, been brought out into a freedom.

Grace had provided them everything they had need of: an Angel of God to lead them, prophets, great men.

7 I heard them say the other day that Azusa Street meetings, when they had it over here in California, that they thought it was a disgrace when they ever entered the song books in the church.

They sang in the Spirit. Just as the Spirit gave them utterance, they sang. They danced in the Spirit. They had a great time.

And they expected the Word of God in sanctification to separate them from their sins, and they knowed they'd passed from death unto life. What a revival they were having of some forty years ago!

But as Israel did, so did our fathers
make a fatal mistake—one
thing that's held them in the
wilderness another forty years.

We find out that instead of being
satisfied with what they had, and
what God had done for them, and
seeing the works of His hands,

the fruit of grace providing
everything they had need of—even
to so much as they didn't have to
have a song book. I wish I could've
seen that in them days.

8 But Israel, after all those things,
Israel in the natural... This is Israel
in the spiritual. Just as God was
taking His people to a promised
land in the natural,

He's taking His church to a
promised land in the spiritual. And
they was on their road having a
great time, but yet they...

After grace had provided
everything that they had need of,
yet they wanted something to do
themselves, something that they
could show God they had
something to do into it.

And that's what... The church,
when it gets in that condition, it's
always when they lose out. And
when you try, or I try, or any man
tries, to put his hand on the work
of God, to add something to it, or
take something away from it...

We must leave it just the way that
God provided it for us. Just let the
revival move on as the Spirit
moves on.

54-1212 - He Swore By Himself

201 Grace come on,
then God made a covenant by grace. And, when He did, the children of Israel down in Egypt.

God already said, by His Word, what He was going to do. He was going to bring them out. And God is obligated to His Word.

But then when God, obligated to His Word, went down there and sent a saviour, Moses, grace provided that. Here come Moses, leading the children of Israel out, when they come out with him.

202 Got out in the wilderness,
said, “Oh, give us something to
do. We want to form us an
organization, and we want you to
give us something to do. Let us
make us something like this.

Give us a law to keep.” Exodus 19
was the greatest mistake that
Israel ever made. When grace had
already provided their salvation,
then they wanted something to do,
to merit it.

God already swore to Abraham,
what He was going to do. They
said, “Let us have the law.” And
the law never did; no one (never)
kept it. They never did.

Romans 4:1-8

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

² For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

³ For what saith the scripture?
Abraham believed God, and it was
counted unto him for righteousness.

⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

⁶ Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

⁷ Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

All Those To Whom
The Promise Of Rest
Was Given Fell Short
Of It

65-0117 - A Paradox

79 Now if we notice, then, their journey in the wilderness is where they got their greatest mistake that Israel ever made, until Calvary, was when (in the Exodus 19) they accepted law instead of grace.

They had grace. They had a prophet. They had—they had a sacrificial lamb. They had redemption. They had been brought through the Red Sea. They had been healed of their diseases.

They had had water from a smitten rock. They had—they had manna out of heaven. Everything they had need of had been supplied, and still they wanted something else.

80 Now that's a perfect type of our Ephesians today, exactly. We come out under Luther; we went through sanctification, under Methodist; and came into the restoration, under Pentecost. Exactly like it was, the wilderness journey.

And when God brought us out, we
did very well. But what did we
do? Wanted to be like the rest of
them. Now we find out that grace
is the only thing that takes us
through, never law.

1 Corinthians 11:1-3

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I
also am of Christ.

² Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

³ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

64-0418E - Jesus Keeps All His
Appointments

13And away they went, in organizations, and split up, breaking up their brotherhood among the people.

14 And just like Israel. Little did Israel know that when they were shouting the victory on the bank of the river, they were only about four-day's journey, about forty miles, away from the promised land.

They didn't realize they were forty
years, it'd take them. But what was
it? Grace had provided them a
prophet, a Pillar of Fire, a sacrificed
lamb, a deliverance. And still they
wanted a law.

They want something they could
have something to do into. They
want to put their hands to it. That
was the most rashal mistake they
ever made, in Exodus 19, when
Israel rejected grace and accepted
law.

15 And then what did they do? He just let them stay right there in the wilderness for forty years. They plant vineyards, and they eat fruit, and they married wives,

and they raised children, till that
old generation died off and
another generation come on. Forty
years later, and not hardly forty
hours away,

but had to wait for forty years
before they went over. Then a new
leader came in, Joshua, and they
moved on into the land, with the
new group.

16 Now, I think it's a very beautiful
type here, that we find out. Long
ago, when our forefathers in the
Pentecost, they raised up. They
had the old General Council, from
that formed the Assemblies of
God.

Out of that come the UPC, then
United, and so forth, till they got
organization after organizations,
fussing and fighting.

God just let them set right there,
marry wives, raise children, speak
in tongues, shout in the Spirit. But
now there's a new group come up.
They were only just a few days
from the promised land. All these
blessings they had was fine.

But, remember, the whole land
belonged to them. Now we're
fixing to go into the Promised
Land, so may the Lord help us as
we look upon these things. See?

There Remaineth A
Rest For The People
Of God

63-0901E - Desperations

22 And all the things

that He hasn't done down through
the ages, in the church ages, He is
now doing.

Back to the Word, because the
messages and the messages and
the messages has to wind up in the
entire Word.

And in the last days, the Seven
Seals being opened, was to pick up
every straggle that's been left off
in it,

and make the whole thing in one
great big body of the Bride, that
them who lived back there was not
perfect until this Church be
perfected, this Bride group in the
last days, to bring them in, and all
together be taken up. See?

Rest Is Only In The Third
Step

61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five¹²²

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114 Now, when finally she found favor with Boaz, what happened? Then Naomi told her, “You wait here while Boaz does the work of a kinsman redeemer, ’cause he is the only one that can do it.

He is our next kinsman redeemer,
and you just wait here. Don't go in
the fields no more. Don't do *this,*
that, or the *other.* You just wait
until the kinsman redeemership
has been fulfilled.” And
she rested. Amen!

115 That's exactly what the Church has come to in this last stage of Pentecost. See? In the beginning of Pentecost they all worked up and they "had to do this," and they shook them and everything else. Now what is the Church doing?

The true Church is
just resting. What is Rest? Here it
is, Rest is the “Holy Spirit,”
the sabbath day. (The Seventh-day
Adventists want to tell us, you
know, about being the seventh-day
sabbath or something like that.)

In Hebrews the 4th chapter, said,
“We which have entered into
His *Rest* have ceased from our
works as God did from His.” So
the *sabbath* is the Holy Spirit.

116 And when Ruth was resting, it was a type of the Church resting in the promises of God! We have the earnest now of our salvation.

We're not worried whether we're
going over there or not, we're
going! That's right. God said
so! God promised it and we've got
the earnest (Amen.), done been
received, Christ has accepted us.

No way to get away from It now,
we're there! Amen! All we have to
do is just wait till the...He take...

He's down doing the Kinsman Redeemership. We have the earnest of it right now, waiting for the time that when He comes back.
And then what next thing Ruth was, Ruth was *rewarded*.

117 That's what the Church did. It entered into justification, under Luther. It went into sanctification, under Wesley. Went into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, in this last days.

And now resting with the earnest
of our inheritance that we know
that something happened in
us, we've passed from death unto
Life, and waiting, groaning with
nature, for that time when we will
receive an immortal Life, an
immortal fulness;

our bodies will be
redeemed. Everything's redeemed,
and we're just waiting from Him to
return back from the gate. Amen!

118 Then what? Ruth
was rewarded. That's when we'll be
rewarded. That's what this
seven-sealed Book is going to open
up to us.

What is these things? They're mysteries. They're not wrote in the Word, they have to be revealed by the Holy Spirit;

but if you'll notice, actually, they are revealed all down through the Scriptures but they been hid from the people. When we get to the roll after while, you'll see how it was fixed, then you'll know just how them things open up.

119 Now, yes, resting. What Ruth under justification...Do you see it, say “Amen.” [Congregation says, “Amen!”—Ed.] Ruth under sanctification, *laboring*, legalist. Ruth, resting, waiting for Boaz to return from the finished work.

120 Now, our Boaz did finish the work at Calvary. But before He come to take us to His Home, He goes Home first (in John 14) to prepare a place for us. Glory!

55-1006A - A Hidden Life

46 Another thing, we will call your attention just before we close. Look at the light, on the outside in the courts it was the firmament that lit it up, sunlight, and so forth.

Some days was cloudy; some days the sun didn't shine at all. Some days it was dark. Now, that's in the outer court.

The next court was the lamp of God where the justified stand, and it was lit by human hands. That's where we argue our denominations, where we argue our differences, split hairs: "And oh, I don't believe in Divine healing."

I don't believe them visions come from God. I don't believe this; I don't believe that." You're arguing, because you're living... Yet you're eating manna, but you're living under artificial light.

That's right. Sometimes the lights goes out. Sometimes your lamp gets smoked up, but to he who desires to hide away, walk into the next place, there's no artificial light anywhere.

But down in between the arch of
the wings of these Cherubim was a
supernatural Light hanging in
there, which was a Halo of God,
that lit the whole room.

And a man once entered into that
Shekinah glory (Hallelujah!), that
moves back there in the Presence
of Almighty God. [Brother
Branham knocks on the
pulpit—Ed.]

The dimness of this world, any
artificial organizations, and all
man-made creeds has passed
away, and he's living in the
Shekinah glory of Almighty God.

47 My brethren, let's ask God for
that place to live.....

When They For Whom It
Was Given Rejected, God
Sent The Third Pull To
Bring A Bride Who Could
Get To True Rest

63-0630E - Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel?

31 Now turn in your Bibles, to the Book of Saint Luke, and we'll start at the 14th chapter and the 16th verse, to read
some **Scripture for a basis,**

for a background, for this that we're going to try to lot about thirty to forty minutes on. Now, the 16th verse of the 14th chapter of Saint Luke.

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servants at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for—for all things are now ready.

And they all with one accord begin to make excuses. The first said unto him, I...bought a piece of ground, and I must need go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

And another said, I have bought five yoke of ox, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

...another said, I have married a wife, ...therefore I cannot come.

So the servant came,
and showed his
lord all these thing. Then the master
of the house being angry said to his
servant,...

Notice, it's not servants. "Servant."

*...Go out quickly into the streets
and the lane, and the cities, and
bring in hither the poor, and the
maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
And the servant said, Lord, it is done as
thou has commanded, and yet there is
room.*

...the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

32 Now, did you notice, there was
three pulls, or three turns, of
it? When they went out, first, and
call to them that were, or, bidden
to come, and they didn't do it.

So there went out a healing
campaign, went out to get the
blind and halt. And still there were
room, so he went out and
compelled the good, bad, and
indifferent; they should come in.

Let Us Stand With
Our Joshua

- 5 - The Pergamean Church Age
Now let us stand like Joshua and
Caleb. Our promised land is coming
in sight even as theirs did.

Now Joshua means
“Jehovah-Saviour,” and he
represents the end-time leader that
will come to the church even as Paul
came as the original leader.

Caleb represents those that stayed true with Joshua. Remember, God had started Israel as a virgin with His Word. But they wanted something different. So did the last-day church.

Notice how God did not move Israel,
or let her go into the promised land
until it was His own appointed
time. Now the people might have put
pressure on Joshua, the leader, and
said, “The land is ours, let’s go and
take it.

Joshua, you are all through, you must have lost your commission, you don't have the power you used to have. You used to hear from God and know the will of God, and act quickly.

Something is wrong with you.” But
Joshua was a God-sent prophet and
he knew the promises of God, so he
waited for them. He waited for a
clear-cut decision from God and
when the time came to move,

God placed the full leadership in Joshua's hands because he had stayed with the Word. God could trust Joshua but not the others. So it will repeat in this end day. The same problem, the same pressures.

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be

62 Oh, but the other one is called, “My Father’s House.” “I’ll go and prepare a place for you. Take you out of this pesthouse and deliver you into My Father’s House.” Amen.

There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death exists.

It's a perfect place calling you to
that perfection, and you have to be
perfect to get there. The Bible said
so. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore
perfect, even as your Father in
Heaven is perfect."

It's a perfect Kingdom, so it must
be a perfect people come. Because,
you have to stand and be married
to a perfect Son of God, and you
must be a perfect Bride.

So how can you do it through
anything else but the perfect Word
of God, which is, “The Waters of
separation, that washes us from
our sins”?

Amen. That's right. The Blood of
Jesus Christ, think of It, the
dripping, Bloody Word. Amen. The
Blood, the—the Word
of God bleeding Blood, to wash
the Bride in. Amen. Yes, sir.

She stands perfect, virgin,
unadulterated. She never sinned,
in the first place. Amen. She was
trapped into it. See?
There's the Father's House that
He's gone to prepare.