

A Fellowship of Encouragement

JESUS CHRIST OFFERS SOUL REST

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The Rest of GOD, And The Seventh Day

Modern men and women seem to be able to go on working endlessly. In the world of building & constructing, work goes on on. Sometimes you work till your exhausted, then you catch a second breath and work some more. There are always dead-lines; where people with the money to build, want it done, Now!

In this 'Materialistic world view', even the thought that the working man needs a "Day of Rest" seems wasteful. To Corporate minds, Production is Priority. Your personal need for Rest, Inspiration, Recreation, and Vacation; are just a drag on the Com-

pany's productivity. And we wonder, why so much illness in body and mind? But we are slow to consider that if GOD our Creator took the Seventh Day to Rest, leaving us with this Example, maybe we should do this same thing.

IF WE DO NOT FIND REST IN GOD. THROUGH JESUS OUR SAVIOR, we are driven by our Own Works. No amount of 'doing' is ever enough. We will not allow ourselves "Soul Rest" or even "body rest". There is always something more to be accomplished and even then we are not satisfied. We are Perfectionists!

GOD our Creator Was Satisfied With His Work. Gen. 1:31-2:1-3. "And God

saw every thing that He had Made, and, behold, it was Very Good. And the evening and the morning were the Sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 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 And God Blessed the Seventh day, and Set It Apart: because that in it He had Rested from all His work which God Created and Made." Genesis 3:8 "And they heard the Voice of the LORD God Walking In The Garden In The Cool Of The Day:" -King James Bible.



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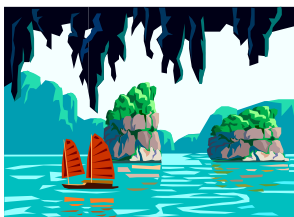
Walking With The LORD God in the garden breeze.

The LORD Loves to spend Time with the Beings He Created. We are His 'Beings' not just His 'doings'. GOD doesn't Love us Because we do things for Him. He Loves us Because He is Our Father, and we are His sons and daughters By His Only Begotten Savior Son.

Let's make it a Priority to Walk Daily with The LORD. Hear Him Calling You To His Garden. Feel the Cool Refreshing Breeze of His Presence in Your Spirit.

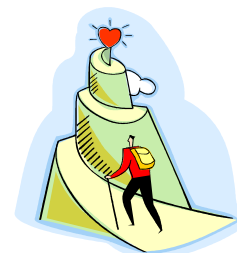
Reach into Father's Love and find your heart -Whole. He heals the broken-hearted and the badly bruised Soul. The heavy hearted, He sets at Liberty.

Let's not disappoint Father, by running,



'dressing ourselves up with works', like 'fig leaves'. Father is always longing for Fellowship with His Precious Sons and Daughters.

Even when we fail terribly, He still comes around, asking; "Adam, where are you?" He just wants us to be honest, responsible, humble, repentant and responsive enough to climb back up in His Bosom next to His Passionate Heart.



Special points of interest:

- THE CREATOR GOD IS A GOD OF REST FOR OUR BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT!
- LEARN FROM THE HARD WORKING GOD, TAKE A DAY IN SEVEN TO REST!
- WHEN YOU ARE DEPRESSED BY THE WORLD OF SIN, REACH FOR THE ARMS OF JESUS THE SAVIOR ...AND WIN!

Moses: Spiritual Rest for the Slaves from Egypt?

The Exodus Generation received so much from GOD through Moses, and lost it all in the Wilderness of SIN (Zin). Our generation stands in the same dangerous spot. Out of approximately 1 1/2 million freed, only JOSHUA and CALEB (and of course Moses who got only a glimpse) were the only Adults who actually saw the Promised Land from that Generation of backsliders. Of 12 spies who saw the Bounty of the Promised Land, only 2 had enough Faith in The Giver to Trust Him in the



Possession of it. The rest died off in their own rebellion against the Word of GOD. Their carcasses fertilized the desert, and little grew there but vipers and scorpions. Needless to recount, This Generation did NOT FIND THE SPIRITUAL REST GOD PROMISED.

They were a rest-less generation. Unsettled, unstable, disorderly, unruly, they could not be restrained.

WISDOM Teaches Us that we are not to be lazy, always running from the work; Quite the contrary.

In Jesus Christ we find Rest In Work. In the Good Works that He has prepared beforehand, for us to do. Not the rest of inactivity but of the harmonious working of all the faculties and affections— of will, of heart, of imagination and conscious. Each Believer in Christ finds the ideal Sphere for satisfaction and development.

Jesus said, The Father works until now and I work, doing what I see Him doing!Work while it is yet day, for the night comes when no man can work! HE Was Speaking Of —Evangelism!

TO OBEY THE LORD GOD IS REST FOR THE SOUL.

Heb 4:1 “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. 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. 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. For He spoke in a certain place of the Seventh Day on this wise, And

God did Rest the Seventh Day from all His works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into My Rest. Seeing therefore it Remained that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of Unbelief: Again, He limited a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, “To day If You Will Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts.” For if Joshua had given them the True Rest, we should not afterwards hear God speaking of another Still Future day. It follows that there Still Remains A Sabbath Rest for the people of God.

For He who has been admitted to His rest, has rested from his works as God did from His. Let it then be our Earnest Endeavor to be Admitted To That Rest, So That No One May Perish through following the same example of Unbelief. Inasmuch, then, as we have in Jesus, the Son of God, a great High Priest who has passed into Heaven itself, let us Hold Firmly to Our Profession Of Faith.”



Rest: Defined by Webster Dictionary.

Rest: (noun). Repose, sleep: Freedom from work or activity. A place of shelter or lodging. A silence in music equivalent in duration to a note of the same value; also: a

character indicating this. Something used as a support. (Verb) to give rest to, set at rest. To sit or lie fixed or supported. To place on or against a support. To remain based or founded. De-

pend. Rest (n): something left over. —W. Dictionary.

On the 7th day of each Week, we Turn to GOD and JESUS Christ our solid Base, Foundation & Rest!

Jesus Christ: True Rest; spirit, soul and body.

Matthew 11:27-30 “All things (individually and collectively) have been handed over (custody, management) to Me by (under) My Father, and (indeed) no one Fully Knows (accurately) The Son (offspring) except The Father (Creator of the family), nor does anyone Fully Know (become thoroughly acquainted with) The Father Except The Son and all to whom The Son Chooses to Reveal Him. (Jesus Christ, The Son, ‘Unveils’ Father GOD to His Faithful. Disclosing what before has been unknown about “Father” GOD). Reveal is

mentioned 26 times in the Bible! “Come (now) To (the advantage of) Me, all (individually & collectively) you toiling (to exhaustion by wearisome effort) and burdened ones (bearing unwarranted religious burdens or rites in an attempt to please GOD), and “I” (Myself) will give you Rest” (to cause or permit one to cease from any burdensome labor in order to recover and collect strength) “Take (raise it up) My (shared) yoke (balance) upon you and learn from Me, (be

increased in Knowledge by shared experience) for I am gentle (meek) and lowly (humble) in heart, (the center and seat of spiritual life, thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes and endeavors). and you will find Rest (intermission, recreation) For Your Souls. (the Soul, mentioned 58 times in the Bible, is the vital force in man, the moral being designed for everlasting Life. Refreshed and Restored By The Holy Spirit Of GOD. It differs from the body and is not destroyed by Physical death) For it is good to bear My yoke, and My burden IS LIGHT. (easy load, contrasted with the religious shackles of the Pharisees). -JESUS CHRIST.

JESUS: THE MASTER BUILDER OF GOD’S HOUSE.

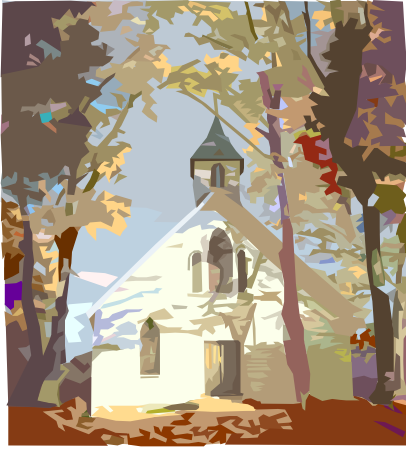
Hebrews 3:1-14 “Therefore, holy brethren, sharers with others in a heavenly invitation, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest whose followers we profess to be. How faithful He was to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house! For Jesus has been counted worthy of Greater Glory than Moses, in so far as He who has built a house has higher Honour than the House itself. For every house has had a builder, and the builder of all things is GOD. Moreover, Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant in delivering the message given him to speak; but Christ was



Faithful As A SON having Authority Over GOD’S House, and we are that House, if we Hold Firm to the End the boldness and the hope which we boast of as ours.....see to it, brethren, that there is never in any one of you--as perhaps there may be--a sinful and Unbelieving heart, manifesting itself in Revolt from the ever-living GOD. On the contrary Encourage one another, day after day, so long as To-day lasts, so that not one of you may be Hardened through the Deceitful Character of Sin .For we have, all alike, become Sharers With Christ, if we really hold our First Confidence Firm to the End;” — Apostle Paul.

(Verses From Weymouth Translation).

(I Use Additional Capitals for Emphasis and easier Visibility for us Aging Saints. —W.J.P.)



This Ministry of Encouragement is a gift of grace to the 'Called' in Christ Jesus Our Lord. As a Steward of this Gospel and researcher of it's Riches for the past 33 years, I provide This for you. ---WJP.

I Thank The LORD For Allowing Me To Teach You! As It Is Written... (Deut. 25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treads out the corn. Also 1 Cor. 9:9-27 and 1 Tim 5:17-18).

This Fellowship of Encouragement Bible Teaching Letter was born on May 01, 2003 from a desire to encourage other believers in our common Faith in JESUS Christ. It's purpose is to inspire others to "search the Scriptures" for both the knowledge and Revelation freely given to men in our Age. Things that Angels have long desired to understand about The Creator's Plan for Mankind, have now been Revealed In GOD'S Only Begotten Son. 'The Firstborn among many brethren' Through Faith in the Work of JESUS Christ, The Savior, we too become sons and daughters of GOD.

LORD IS always Capitalized in the Bible in reference to FATHER CREATOR GOD). (But, in all my writings, I capitalize some other Words for Emphasis as well.

--- W. J. P.



Encouragement !

Up close and personal, notes: from The Minister and His Vision.

As GOD Fashions me in His Image. The plans He has had for who and what I would be from the beginning, the Call to 'a Stewardship of my King' becomes more clear.

The Word of GOD in me has developed to the point that I cannot contain it in my frail heart any longer and must Publish it in as many ways as possible.

GOD has reserved me for a particular Plan He has been revealing more clearly as of late. "I am designing A Plan that will fit you perfectly. You will be what I want you to be. You will see My Plan laid out in part, and then, again, I will show you another part...I Am the One who is forming you.. So I will let you accomplish what is in your heart " (March 6, 2005)

The night before last (05-28-05) I

woke up at 1:30 A.M. to spend some quiet time in prayer on my Florida balcony, here in Tampa. While waiting on The Lord, I was Inspired to set down with some drawing paper and sketch out a frontal view of "A Chapel". The Cross would be the predominate feature on this A - frame Structure. A row of three crosses vertically and 3 horizontally. From there I sketched the first, and Sanctuary floor. Everything laid out around a Central Cross. Then the 2nd floor- a parsonage, with a Study library for Research and Writing, and a 3rd floor Prayer Loft for Meditation and Intercession. By 7 A.M. I was finished with a plan that would also include an Exterior Seating Arrangement for Outdoor Early Chapel Services when the Weather permits, a Picnic Area and a Children's Playground.

Off course, all of this is currently in rough draft, but it appears entirely workable.

One of my favorite Ministry Experiences here in Florida has been helping to conduct Outdoor Chapel Services with the BSA; During the days when both of my Sons were in Scouting here.

My purpose in sharing this Plan with you is to enlist Your Continued Prayer Support for a Ministry that is only beginning to Surface. ---W.J.P.

"Believe in GOD, believe also in Me!" ---Jesus Christ.