

WEEK 74 GOD'S WORD IS LIVING

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For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:8-16 (NKJV)**

THERE IS AN INVITATION AND AN URGING TO ENTER GOD'S REST

GOD'S SABBATH REST

HE CREATED

HE FINISHED

HE RESTED

Genesis 2:2

THIS IS THE PICTURE OF OUR REST IN CHRIST THROUGH SALVATION

ISRAEL'S CANAAN REST

THEY JOURNEYED

THEY ENTERED

THEY WERE VICTORIOUS

THE CANAAN REST IS A PICTURE OF OUR PRESENT REST AS WE CLAIM OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

FUTURE REST

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

Hebrews 4:9 (NKJV)

THE FOCUS: ENTERING IN TO THE VICTORIOUS REST OR CANAAN REST

WARNINGS ABOUT MISSING OUT MUCH LIKE THE ISRAELITES WHEN THEY WANDERED FOR FORTY YEARS

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV)

"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

Hebrews 4:7b (NKJV)

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11 (NKJV)

BE DILIGENT

OPPOSITE -- DRIFTING, TAKING NO CONCERN FOR PURSUING GODLINESS AND JUST LETTING LIFE HAPPEN

LET GOD'S WORD BE EFFECTIVE IN YOU

IT SEPARATES AND POINTS OUT IMPURITIES EVEN WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW THEY EXIST

ENABLES US TO REALLY SEE OUR HEART

AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THIS IS AN ISSUE OF THE HEART

THE ISRAELITES REJECTED GOD

THEY REBELLED

THEY WANDERED 40 YEARS UNTIL THEY DIED OUT AND MISSED ENTERING THE DAILY REST
LET HIS WORD AND SPIRIT:

CONVICT CONVINCE CONVERT CONFORM

WE MUST LIVE GOD DIRECTED LIVES OR WE WILL DRIFT AND WANDER AIMLESSLY

HOLD ON TO YOUR CONFESSION—FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE IN YOUR LIFE

“HOLD ON TO”—LET YOUR CONFESSION HAVE POWER OVER YOU—TO EXPERIENCE THE FULL BENEFIT OF
“CONFESSION”—HOMO AND LEGEO—TO SAY THE SAME THING; TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH; YOUR
CONFESSION OF WHO JESUS IS

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NKJV)

PAUL'S STRUGGLE

PAUL'S PRAYER

GOD'S ANSWER

PAUL'S CHANGED OUTLOOK

Repenting should be such a rapid way of life that is ongoing we do not even know it is happening! We read, hear, study and the Word penetrates and we surrender and the result is victory!

DO NOT LET GO OF THE CONFESSION—NOT OUR SALVATION BUT THE WITNESS OF JESUS IN US

YOU ARE MY SALVATION	YOU ARE MY SOURCE	YOU ARE MY STRENGTH
YOU ARE MY HOPE	YOU ARE MY ROCK	YOU ARE MY SUFFICIENCY
YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE	YOU ARE MY STRONG TOWER	YOU ARE MY REFUGE
YOU ARE MY PEACE	YOU ARE MY HEALING	YOU ARE MY RIGHTEOUSNESS
YOU ARE MY GUIDE	YOU ARE MY SHEPHERD	YOU ARE MY FOUNDATION
YOU ARE MY JOY	YOU ARE MY CONTENTMENT	YOU ARE A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE

HE KNOWS YOU, HE UNDERSTANDS YOU, HE HAS BEEN WHERE YOU ARE

SO YOU CAN WITH CALMNESS AND CONFIDENCE COME TO HIM IN OUR TIME OF NEED

SALVATION IS ABOUT ACCEPTING AND RECEIVING JESUS AS LIFE ITSELF IN A MOST INTIMATE WAY

Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 6:68 (NKJV)

YOU MUST LIVE A GOD DIRECTED LIFE OR YOU WILL DRIFT AND WANDER