

ADVANCED TRAINING

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RESTING IN GOD

Have you ever wondered what resting in God really means? If we are to enter His rest, then we must understand what this rest is exactly. For the answer let us look at some of the scriptures that are related to this subject, starting with Genesis 2:1-2.

Gen. 2:1-2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were **finished**.

2 And 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**.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 explains that all things were accomplished in ancient times, before the earth was even formed, or mankind created. Every circumstance in our lives is predestined. There is nothing new.

Eccl. 1:9-10

9 **That** which **has been** is what **will be**, that which **is** done is what **will** be done, and there is **nothing new** under the sun.

10 Is there **anything** of which it may be said, “See, **this** is new”? It has **already been** in **ancient times** before us.

Even we who are born again in this era were predestined or chosen before the foundation of the world, just as Jesus was. 1 Peter 1:20 tells us:

1 Pet. 1:20

20 He (Jesus) indeed was **foreordained** before the **foundation of the world**, but was **manifest** (or made appear) in these **last times** for **you**

And now let us look at Romans 8:29.

Rom. 8:29

29 For **whom He foreknew**, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that **He** might be the firstborn among **many brethren**.

We were predestined to be children through Jesus according to the will and works

of God, not our works. All this was accomplished by God many thousands of years ago and only made manifest now. The timing of our appearing is according to the will of God.

Eph. 1:5

5 having predestined us to adoption (or kinship) as sons by Jesus Christ to **Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will,

So we begin to see that it is because of His will and predestined purpose that we are inheritors of the promise of kinship. It is not our work or effort.

Eph 1:11

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

God purposed His plans and brought them into being in the supernatural. To Him they are real and already accomplished in His realm. In His timing they will manifest into the natural, or into our realm to become a reality to us. But here is where we must learn to rest. All will happen, but it will be in its season and in His timing. We cannot change anything or make anything happen before its time.

Ecclesiastes tells us:

Eccl. 3:1

1 To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:

When we make something happen out of season or the timing of God, it results in what God calls dead works. The works we are to be involved with are the ones that have already been done. Look at Ecclesiastes 3:15.

Eccl. 3:15

15 That which is has already been, and what is to be has already been and God requires an account of what is past.

Now the mystery is solved. We are to allow God to accomplish what He has already done (through us). How do we do this? We die to ourselves or cease from our works, our plans and our way of doing things. We rest so He can manifest into existence His works. Look at Hebrews 4:9-10.

Heb. 4:9-10

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.

It is promised at Revelation 2:26 that those that overcome and do His work will be given power over the nations.

Rev. 2:26

26 “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-

THE DEAD IN CHRIST

So who are those that enter His rest we might ask again? They are the blessed that are dead to their will: ones who have died in Christ (or in baptism) and have learned to rest from their labors so the works of God can follow them. Let us read Romans the sixth chapter, verses 3-5.

Rom. 6:3-5

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were **buried with Him** through **baptism into death**, that just as **Christ was raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we **also** should walk in **newness of life**.

5 For if **we** have been **united together** in the **likeness of His death**, certainly we **also** shall be in **the likeness of His resurrection**,

Now let us look to Revelation again.

Rev. 14:13

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: **‘Blessed are the dead** who **die in the Lord** from now **on**.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that **they may rest** **from their labors**, and **their works follow them**.”

No fame or glamorous vision of self importance is in their minds. They are just obedient to do all God asks them to do in accordance with Ephesians 4:1

Eph. 4:1

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy** of the **calling** with which **you** were **called**,

In this state of rest and obedience they go through life with an anointing that will break the yoke of sin and Satan's power over God's pre-chosen remnant as well as the earth. Now the kingdoms of this world can become the Kingdom of our God. This was all preplanned by God. How do we know this? Because the Apostle John was shown His plan at Revelation 11:15.

Rev. 11:15

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”**

Israel of old was not allowed to enter this rest. Why? Because of their stiff-necked rebellion. A study of these early people will show you that, like many today, they always had to do things their way. If something did not make sense to them, they would not do what God asked of them. They operated in intellectual self-preservation. They would not take direction from God through the leadership He had pre-chosen as vessels to speak through. Neither would they trust in Him to provide for and protect them through these ones. In other words, Israel refused to allow God's plans, desires and directions to manifest through His leaders. They contested His right to rule and became part of the cursed as described in Jeremiah

17:5.

Jer. 17:5

5 Thus says the LORD: “**Cursed** is the **man** who **trusts in man** and makes **flesh** his **strength**, whose **heart departs** from the **LORD**.

We are warned in Hebrews 4:11 to be obedient and be diligent to enter His rest. We are to trust His love, believe in His ability to care for us and above all, recognize His sovereignty. In other words, we must completely trust that God had everything under control before the earth was even formed and there is no enemy that can change His plans. We may slow God’s plans down by not allowing them to manifest through our generation, but we will never stop His predestined vision. Hebrews 4:11 warns us:

Heb. 4:11

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

The example referred to was old Israel’s failure to enter the promised land with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. Joshua and Caleb, however, entered the land forty

years later than what God intended, but they did enter! The rest died!

RESTING IN GOD TODAY

We are a society of people used to doing things our way. We are taught to climb the corporate ladder of success and to push and shove over the top of one another. Now we are learning from God that we are **just vessels** that He works through. In fact, we are just a people that are to make ourselves available to God so He can use us to manifest His predestined plans and desires into the natural world. We also understand that each of us is important to the function of His body, but that there is not one of us better than the other.

Gal. 3:28

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Side Note: All nationalities, people from different walks of life and both genders make up the body of Christ. To say any one of these ones should not have a part in the actions of Christ in these end times is to divide and separate the body of Christ. He could never come together in His full stature according to the scripture at

Ephesians 4:13 to defeat the enemy.

Eph. 4:13

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the **measure** of the **stature** of the **fullness** of **Christ**;

It is Christ in us (all of us) that manifests as the Captain of the Host: Lord Sabaoth. He is not a respecter of persons. We must learn to rest in this if we want victory for the body of Christ. No more strife or competition! Again, it's Christ in us that is the hope of glory.

Col. 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is not us, it is Him! Men are just vessels. Women are just vessels and scripture tells us that a little child can lead them. We are just a house for the Spirit of God to function through to carry out His plans concerning this earth.

Heb. 3:6

6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

1 Cor 3:16

16 Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

THE VICTORY

If we will allow God to do His works through us, He will manifest the victory over our enemies and we will see the restoration of this planet and its people as He has promised us. It has already been accomplished!

Will we be that generation that will allow His works to be revealed? Are we the generation that will see this victory?

Ps. 102:18

18 This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.

Can we be the ones that will separate from the world and its desires, and walk in repentance and holiness so our God can live in us to destroy those who would come against and defile us? We are His temple:

2 Cor. 6:16-18

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

17 Therefore “**Come out from among them** and be **separate**, says the Lord. **Do not touch** what is **unclean**, and I will receive you.”

18 “I will be a **Father to you**, and you shall be **My sons and daughters**, says the Lord Almighty.”

As His wrath is about to be poured in a greater measure, this is a very comforting scripture.

1 Cor. 3:17

17 If anyone **defiles the temple of God**, God will **destroy him**. For the **temple of God is holy**, which temple you are.

Side Note: Here is something to think upon. God will allow works of destruction and terror to manifest through the wicked. The beast (man's government or one world government) will turn on Babylon (false religions or one world religion). They will have their hearts hardened and will destroy one another. But the righteous will manifest the works of God to restore this planet, allowing the people of 1 Corinthians 15:51 to manifest or appear.

1 Cor 15:51

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall **not all sleep**, but we shall **all be changed**--

And in verses 53 and 54 we see the victory:

1 Cor. 15:53-54

53 For this **corruptible** must put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality**.

54 So when this **corruptible** has put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** has put on **immortality**, **then shall be brought to pass** the **saying** that is **written** (or decreed):

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Rom 8:19

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Note: In the Greek number **5207**, the word translated here in Romans 8:19 as sons can be just as easily translated **children** (both words are the same number). So this verse can and probably should say: “the revealing of the children of God” so as to not make the scripture we just read above in II Corinthians 6:18 and this one in Romans 8:19 contradict each other!

CONCLUSION

There are some that will not be interested at all in a holy walk or resting in God. There will even be those that did walk holy at one time, but thought the price of laying down the control of their destiny was too great a price to be paid. These wicked ones God will use just as He has all throughout history to fight one another and bring an end to the systems of man that have so sadly failed His people.

Through the righteous ones, however, He will lead mankind into eternity and give

them the opportunity to manifest a new heaven and a new earth into being. We can rest in this! It has already been accomplished!