

# **GOD'S MOUNTAIN AND REST**

## **Safety, Shelter and Peace**

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### **Hebrews 4:1**

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

Why did Apostle Paul say we should fear not entering God's rest? For the answer let us look at a scripture that will help us to better understand from Genesis two.

### **Genesis 2:2-3**

2 And on the seventh day **God ended His work** (He fulfilled that part of His plan that He needed to materialize, to bring forth the beginning) which He had done (previously mentally envisioned), and He **rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done (He rested from manifesting His ideas into reality).

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it (it was to be set aside from the regular work to remind man to enter His rest), because **in it** He rested from all His work which God had created (or mentally envisioned)

**and made** (visually materialized).

All things were completed, the whole universe was realized or made visible, and then God rested. All things were done!

**Ecclesiastes 3:14-15** explains it this way,

14 **I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever.** (Unlike man's own works, which are temporary!) **Nothing can be added to it** (God's works are perfect and complete), **and nothing taken from it** (there is nothing lasting that can be done apart from Him). **God does it, that men should fear before Him.** (So they would not take the glory or credit for the things they do well. God already did them and we just bring things into being.)

15 **That which is has already been,** and **what is to be has already been** (in other words, all has been accomplished); **and God requires an account of what is past.** (Did we do His works according to His timing or did we do ours?)

Let's go back a few verses and read 9 and 10.

**Ecclesiastes 1:9-10**

9 **That which has been** (done in concept and plan) **is what will be** (in God's timing, it will be made visible), **that which is done** (all He was now resting

from) is what will be done (be brought into being by something or someone predestined to make it visible), and there is nothing new under the sun.

10 Is there anything of which it may be said, “See, this is new”? (No) It has already been in ancient times before us. (Isn't God amazing!)

So everything that has been and everything that will be that is of God is in God's rest! The fulfillment of all the promises made to the forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are there, His plan for the restoration of creation, His feasts with the blueprint for the reestablishment of His Kingdom are there as well. In His rest is His knowledge that will set us free from Satan's lies and if applied will stabilize our lives through the end days. In His rest also is His law to be placed on the forefront of the hearts and minds of His people as they enter to guide and protect them.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

11 He has made everything beautiful (perfect and in order) in its time (He sets the timing). Also He has put eternity in their hearts (to make mankind desire to be immortal as in the beginning), except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end (we therefore do not know through whom or at what time these things will happen).

What we do know however, there will be perfect harmony, everything

perfectly synchronized with the whole of the universe. It is God's promise! No sickness or pain, only eternal health, happiness and peace is promised, in other words, perfect tomorrows are all found within God's rest!

### **Ephesians 1:9-10**

9 having made known to us the **mystery** of **His will**, according to **His good pleasure** which He **purposed in Himself**,

10 that **in the dispensation of the fullness of the times** (predestined and ordained order at a certain period of time) **He might gather together in one all things** in Christ, both which are **in heaven** and which are on **earth**—in **Him** (this is why Jesus says in John 15:5 we “can do nothing without Him”).

Another extraordinary thing about God's rest, the life and destiny of every created thing is also found there from Adam and Eve on. In other words our lives were planned before the earth was formed, we too were a part of the original concept!

### **Ephesians 1:11**

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

**Luke 12:32** says,

32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

So if God wanted us in the Kingdom, what happened that mankind is no longer in that rest?

To see which of mankind would love Him both Christ and Satan were in the garden where Adam and Eve were placed. Man was given the instruction from the Creator to not taste or touch of Satan, warning them if they did they would die! They evidently did not love enough, they disobeyed! They mentally linked up with the enemy and swallowed his lies so they could not remain in God's rest! The perfect works of God were left behind as they mentally entered Satan's plan. God knew they would make this mistake and fail, but being a just God He devised a way for the innocent that would be born from them to reenter His rest. But, to enter man would have to lay down their works contrived in their own minds based on Satan's knowledge and separate from the world and its systems that evolved from the knowledge and advice Eve chose. The world was never a part of God's works!

**Hebrews 4:10-11**

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works

as God did from His (all our own agendas, self-generated plans must be laid down).

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest (so all the promises can be brought into fruition), lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience (and we miss out like old Israel).

This world we live in unfortunately evolved from Satan's plans to take over the earth and all created beings on it! God of course knew that Satan would challenge Him for supremacy even before He created him! He even set a time, the length known only to Him, for the enemy to try his best to steal creation and be as god to the earth. Time was allowed also for mankind to see his folly for choosing a created being over their Creator! They were created little gods, children of the Most High, ones Satan nor any other created being had control over, but they chose flesh and blood, the carnal, and this world over God's Kingdom.

### **Psalm 82:6**

6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. (The original state of man!)

### **Hebrews 2:14**

14 Inasmuch then as the children (His little gods) have partaken of flesh

**and blood** (Adam laid down His spirit to soulishly follow his wife's lead), **He Himself likewise shared in the same** (was born through an Adamic mother to be as carnal man to defeat all the sins that developed and paid the death penalty for things with His life and repurchased mankind for the Father), **that through death** He might **destroy him** who **had the power of death**, that is, **the devil**, (very plain)

This was necessary as mankind was no longer in His image, their spirits were dormant, they could no longer see or understand the spiritual.

### **I Corinthians 2:14**

14 But **the natural man** (ones led by their bodies through their soul) **does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for **they are foolishness to him**; nor **can** he **know them** (no spirit to lead them), because **they are spiritually discerned**.

This world and its god rather than the Father guides the lives of the Adamic race and shapes their future. Lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, pride of life, a part of Satan's nature is blindly followed resulting in the world and society we are in today.

### **II Corinthians 4:4**

4 whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded (Satan), who do not believe, lest the **light of the gospel** of the glory of Christ (truth that would awaken their spirits to return to their original state), who is the image of God (He was born like fallen man, but was baptized and filled with the Spirit and His Godly state restored), should shine on them (and they would understand what all Christ really accomplished for them and see the promises of restoration offered to them).

**I John 2:16** shows us the nature of the enemy that his children walk in.

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world (and cannot enter God's rest).

Without our spirits, with a controlling carnal nature man developed with Satan's influence the world and its systems. Everyone born to this race of people would also be prideful, have the need to be number one, be lovers of self with a hatred for anyone unlike them. Not Kingdom minded for sure but perfect for this world. The wisdom Eve chose would be extolled, praised and through it the world's banking, education, religion and governmental systems evolved. Can you see why the people of this world could never enter God's rest? No way are they going to give up the things they have worked so hard for! They look longingly at peace, joy, safety, a place where there is no pain,



sickness or sorrow, but all this is found only in God's rest. God offers this rest to His children alone, the world cannot enter. Yeshua or Jesus, the great shepherd made a way to lead man there.

### **John 10:16, 27-28**

16 And **other sheep** I have which are **not of this fold** (not of old Israel); them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me (they are not of the world as He is not of this world).

28 And **I** give them **eternal life** (Satan brings death), and they shall **never perish**; **neither** shall **anyone snatch them out of My hand**. (Sound good? That's life within God's rest!)

Through the ages the requirements to enter God's rest have changed as His plan of restoration moved towards consummation. Mankind must move with it. Entrance was first offered Judaism. They at God's command were to break off from the world and stay to themselves.

**Numbers 23:9** shows they responded at first favorably.

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; There! A people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations.

But Israel got bored in their separation and ran after the nations' pleasures. This included outside women who drew them to bow down to their worldly way of life and slowly unbelief entered and they disobeyed God!

**Hebrews 3:18-19** shows us the result of disobedience and unbelief.

18 And to whom did He swear that they would **not enter His rest**, but to **those** who did **not obey**? (They gave in to the world, lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, pride of life.)

19 So we see that they **could not enter** in **because of unbelief** (they knew they were chosen and didn't believe God would actually ever leave them).

It was then offered to Christianity. Again let us read what Apostle Paul said in **Hebrews 4:1**.

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

But they too failed. The same forces that hindered old Israel their entrance to the rest of God, lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life stopped Christianity short of the victory. Oh but there is a glorious branch that does enter!

Remember **John 15:5**.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Now let us look at **Isaiah 4:2** a prophecy concerning the end of the ages.

2 In **that day** (the Day of the Lord) the **Branch of the Lord** (the branch is united) shall be **beautiful and glorious** (the government or head of the body of Christ); and the **fruit of the earth** (individuals that make up the body) shall be **excellent and appealing** for **those of Israel** who have **escaped** (or come through the tribulations).

Jesus of course is the glorious branch, but we are in Him and so are a part of that branch! He is victorious so we will be too!

**Galatians 3:27,29** shows us how this comes about.

27 For **as many of you** as were **baptized into Christ** (reborn, to start over as mankind) **have put on Christ**.

29 And **if** you are **Christ's**, then **you are Abraham's seed** (new Israel), and **heirs according to the promise**. (Heirs of God's Kingdom. We get there being born through Jesus!)

So the Kingdom of God is in His rest! It is the new Israel that enters, the new

generation, the new species of man gathered to form the last Adam!

### **I Corinthians 15:45**

45 And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit. (The Spirit of Christ comes on us as we experience Pentecost to restore man's spirits, give them a language to speak to God and open spiritual eyes to comprehend the things of the spirit realm as in the beginning.)

The last Adam has a home that can only be viewed and accessed by those that have experienced the feast of Pentecost. It is called Mount Sion, that's right, it has an S instead of a Z. It is the Mountain home of the New Israel, the body of Christ and His Bride.

**Hebrews 12:18-24** reveals this home.

18 For you have **not come** to the **mountain that may be touched** and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it (old Israel) begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.”

21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion (This Sion is number 4622 in the Strongs Greek dictionary and has an S) and to the city (New Jerusalem) of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (remember she was designed in God's mind), to an innumerable company of angels (angels were actually created to intercede for man originally according to the book of Enoch the 7<sup>th</sup> from Adam and are there for New Israel or Abraham's Seed today),

23 to the general assembly (the gathering together) and church of the firstborn (Jesus is the firstborn and we are His) who are registered in heaven (predestined and written on the books in heaven), to God (these at rebirth are Jubilee'd back to Him) the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect (ones that have experienced all the feasts of God, all 7 holy convocations those whose thoughts are on God and minds are on the Kingdom),

24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant (the go between God and His people), and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Man can overcome everything through this blood!)

Side Note: In many versions of the Bible Sion is translated only with a Z as Zion, but if you will look in the Strongs' Concordance you will see for yourself, every New Testament definition in the Greek dictionary is number

4622.

4622. Sion see-own' of Hebrew origin (6726); Sion (i.e. Tsijon), a hill of Jerusalem; figuratively, the Church (militant or triumphant):--Sion.

As Mount Zion spelled with a Z governed Old Jerusalem so the above mountain of Sion governs New Jerusalem. For a deeper study of Mount Sion please read from our archive the blast Mount Hermon versus Mount Hermon.

Verses 22-24 in the above scriptures are speaking of spiritual matters and are foreshadows of these end times.

**Isaiah 2:3-4** prophesies of this age.

3 **Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord** (Mount Sion), **to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways** (through His fivefold ministers, His government), **and we shall walk in His paths.**” (Because of truth His ways will become our ways and our thoughts more in line with His.) **For out of Zion** (should have an S also) **shall go forth the law** (to direct and guide), **and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem** (truth will flow from there as living waters).

4 **He shall judge between the nations** (people from all nations will come), **and rebuke many people** (those that do not love Him); **they shall beat their**

swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore (the Kingdom is established).

**I Corinthians 3:9** shows us an interesting twist from the natural you must have spiritual insight to comprehend.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field (His land), you are God's building (His dwelling place).

**I Peter 2:5** shows us what God's land and home is made of.

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**I Corinthians 3:16** says,

16 Do you not know that you are the temple (or house) of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**Matthew 5:14** reveals the city and mountain of God.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city (New Jerusalem, made of living stones) that is set on a hill (Mount Sion, made of living stones as well) cannot be hidden. (The children of God stand out as different from the

world.)

## **I John 5:19**

**19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one** (because we are free, separate from the world).

You see when man enters God's rest he becomes a part of God's Mountain or His City, they are either a part of Sion (government) or New Jerusalem (the bride, body members) all depends on their predestined call. As old Zion housed the kings of Israel so Sion houses King Jesus through His government, as old Jerusalem housed God's people so New Jerusalem houses His people today. There is safety, shelter and peace in New Jerusalem, with guidance and direction given through His law. God's knowledge and truth is willingly taught through His government to all that come to Mount Sion. But, they must enter God's rest where God's mountain and city are found, and in their hearts and minds choose to be there so this can be their home too.

Understand where our hearts and minds are is where our inner self really is. For instance Eve's mind went to Satan so that is where God saw her as being. Man's daily decisions make it very plain who they love and what they love. An example, if they shop for someone in the Kingdom or buy something to be used to enhance the Kingdom their mind and heart would be in God's rest, but if they shop for something that is not a part of the Kingdom or for



worldly pleasure their heart and mind would be out of God's rest and in the world.

**Romans 12:2** advises,

2 And **do not be conformed to this world** (it's not God's!), but **be transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that **you** may **prove what is that good and acceptable** (be an example) and **perfect will of God** (your thoughts are in line with God's and your ways in line with His law).

**I John 2:15**

15 **Do not love the world** or the **things in the world**. If **anyone loves the world**, the **love of the Father is not in him**. (Is there a part of the world we would hate to see end?)

**James 4:4**

4 **Adulterers** and **adulteresses** (this is what God calls disloyalty to Him)! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?** (Or makes you an enemy of God.) **Whoever** therefore **wants to be a friend** of the **world** makes himself an **enemy of God**. (And they would not be in God's rest!)

Now maybe some of these other scriptures will mean more to us.

## **II Peter 3:6-7**

6 by which the world that then existed perished (speaking of Noah's era), being flooded with water.

7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire (the fiery judgment of God) until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (Perdition means a state of eternal damnation after death, we sure don't want to be a part of that!)

**Revelation 18:4** is one to really study at this time in history.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues (very plain).

It is speaking of Babylon, the mother of all the world's religions and its secret societies etc. She is Satan's city and the main reason the plagues are loosed today. Verses two and three tell us why.

## **Revelation 18:2-3**

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen (and indeed she has, much of her leadership is guilty of about every sin in the book), is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons (lust,

perversion, greed, on and on), **a prison for every foul spirit** (pride, control, oppression etc.), **and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** (Her sacrifices to God are unclean!)

3 For **all the nations** (the whole world) **have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication** (the whole world with its wars and violence is guilty of bloodshed in the name of God), **the kings of the earth** (our rulers) **have committed fornication with her** (government and church hold hands), **and the merchants of the earth have become rich** (church is big business in the world) **through the abundance of her luxury.**” (Many huge edifices while its people live in poverty and lack.)

Let us read on down through verse eight for an even clearer view of what the Lord thinks of her.

### **Revelation 18:8**

8 Therefore **her plagues will come in one day** (the Lord's Day)—**death and mourning and famine.** And **she will be utterly burned with fire** (the fire of judgment), **for strong is the Lord God who judges her.** (We cannot therefore believe the world as it says the danger of the plagues is not a problem, it most certainly is!)

So in closing, we live in this world. We have to work, shop, exist in its

systems, but we do not have to think like it or be misled and pulled away from God's rest. We can remain there and grow daily in His knowledge, fulfill our predestined call, and manifest God's plan for our lives. If obedient to His law we will walk in His will finding safety, shelter and peace in His spiritual mountain and His City.

Let us read with enjoyment these closing scriptures.

### **Revelation 21:1-4**

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea (no sea of humanity not of God).

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God (conceived in God's mind, made visible in the end on the earth), prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle (God's house) of God is with men (here on earth), and He will  dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (Remember the scripture “you are God's land, you are God's house”?)

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the

former things have passed away.”

What a beautiful promise! Now let us take one last look at God's mountain and city.

**Revelation 21:10, 27**

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain (Mt Sion), and showed me the great city (New Jerusalem), the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God (again, to be made visible on earth through His people),

Now here is the scripture I so look forward to seeing fulfilled,

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Is this not awesome!! And, all these promises can be found in God's mountain and Rest!

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