

## Saving The Best For Last

*"Give it a Rest" – Part 5*

**Introduction:** The great classical guitarist Andre Sigovia gave concerts well into his 90's. On one occasion he was asked, "Aren't you tired?" His response was, "Yes, I'm exhausted but I have all eternity to rest." Many of us can probably relate to Mr. Sigovia, but do we really have to wait until we get to heaven before we can rest? The author of Hebrews doesn't think so – in fact he urges us to enter into rest today! The problem is: Can we find it?

There are two kinds of fatigue busy and stagnation. Hebrews 4:1-7 is admonishing us to learn from Israel's mistake. (It's not only hearing the message, it's acting on it as well.)

His conclusion: unless we find God's rest, we will never experience true rest.

The two great activities of God in Genesis 1 and 2 are work and rest.

Resting is not doing nothing! It is a God ordained activity that requires an effort on our part. Hebrews 4:11.

Entering God's rest means:

- We rest in His salvation.
- We rest from our worries.
- We rest by laying down in green pastures.
- We rest by remaining confident in God's sovereignty.
- We rest by leaning on God.

Consider again the invitation of Jesus. Matthew 11:28 & 30 and John 14:27.

The Bible is God's diagnostic tool for determining the condition of the heart. He is no casual in assessing our spiritual condition.

If you've been wandering in the desert place – somewhere between slavery and the promised land, would you give it a rest?