

For The Rest of Your Life: Come to Me

Humble yourself and hear the Lord's invitation to enter into His rest.

Man Is Placed into God's Rest

Genesis 2:1-4

New Living Translation

2 So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. 2 On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested[a] from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

4 This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 2:15-17

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15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Man Sins and Rejects God's Plan of Rest

Genesis 3:1-7

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3 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit

and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7
At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their
nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

- Disobedience brings death
- The devil's lies
- She wanted wisdom from a source other than God, UNREST LEADS TO DEATH, REST LEADS TO LIFE.
- To pour our love out on God is to obey Him

Revelation of Coming Life & Rest

Genesis 3:14-19

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14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, you are cursed
more than all animals, domestic and wild.

You will crawl on your belly,
groveling in the dust as long as you live.

15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike[a] your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

16 Then he said to the woman,

“I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy,
and in pain you will give birth.

And you will desire to control your husband,
but he will rule over you.[b]”

17 And to the man he said,

“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree
whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,
the ground is cursed because of you.

All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you,
though you will eat of its grains.

19 By the sweat of your brow
will you have food to eat
until you return to the ground
from which you were made.
For you were made from dust,
and to dust you will return.”

- Natural life for man would be hard, bread to eat would be difficult to grow, and produce to sustain his life.
- We were never meant to sweat for food, it was to be freely given.

Jesus is the Rest of our Life

Matthew 4:4

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4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say,

‘People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[a]”

Hebrews 4

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Promised Rest for God’s People

4 God’s promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. 2 For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn’t share the faith of those who listened to God.[a] 3 For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said,

“In my anger I took an oath:

‘They will never enter my place of rest,’”[b]

even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. 4 We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: “On the seventh day God rested from all his work.”[c] 5 But in the other passage God said, “They will never enter my place of rest.”[d]

6 So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. 7 So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted:

"Today when you hear his voice,
don't harden your hearts." [e]

8 Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. 9 So there is a special rest [f] still waiting for the people of God. 10 For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world. 11 So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Christ Is Our High Priest

14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

The Invitation to the Weary

Proverbs 13:15

Amplified Bible

Good understanding wins favor [from others],
But the way of the unfaithful is hard [like barren, dry soil].

We must first hear the call!

Matthew 11:15

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15 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

- But God I'm naked and ashamed.

Matthew 11:28-30

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28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

- "Come to Me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens "
- We must humble ourselves and release or pride and accept that we are the weary ones carrying heavy burdens.

- The call is for the weary, and those who carry heavy burdens in life, the spiritually dead and dry, thirsty, and hungry.
- Weariness and burdens of: Love: Striving to earn a love that's a gift, struggling to obey God through human strength, failing to love the beauty of the new creation we are and starving to fix the old nature, trying to love people when you don't have a righteous love for yourself.
- Weariness and burdens of: Identity: Trying to prove ourselves through obedience to the laws, under the condemnation of every sin.
- Weariness and burdens of: Faith: Fueled by fear, feelings of not deserving God's best so holding on to crumbs and seeds.
- Weariness and burdens of: Eternal Purpose: Pursuing our own dreams and desires.

I will give you rest!

- Revelation
- Empowerment
- Strategy
- Triumph

Take my yoke upon you!

- Accept my offer to attached to me, instead of with your burdens.

Let me teach you, I am humble and gentle!

- I will teach you to stay free from burdens and receive my strength.

You WILL find rest for your souls!

- I guarantee you that you'll be set free from the burdens of your soul and receive the victory in my teachings.

My yoke is easy, my burden is light.

- It's my love that keeps you connected to me, not your performance. There will be ease in learning from me, I have given you of my own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Since I have secured your victory my burden on you is light, simply trust me.