

“Let Us Labor to Enter that Rest”
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Hebrews 4:11-12 “Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (KJV)

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- This verse is a command not to fall away because of unbelief.
- Disobedience and unbelief are the same Greek Word.

Hebrews 4:10 “For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.”

John 17:4-5 “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

How do I enter spiritual rest?

The following Scriptures are classifications of “works” from which we have to cease to enter our spiritual rest.

1. The works of the flesh have to cease.

Galatians 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

- These are the works of the unregenerate man, the one outside of Christ, outside of rest.
2. The works of self-effort must cease. Works of the old creation life, works done by the religious man, good works of self-effort. These works are not done in faith. Read James 2 – the whole chapter

3. The dead works of the Law. The Old Covenant rituals were full of “dead works”.

The Doctrines of Christ

Hebrews 6:1-3 “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works [Gal. 5] and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.”

Good Works we Must Maintain

Eph 2:8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Titus 3:8 “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”

Hebrews 9:14 “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

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- Greek word - Labor = to strive diligently

Connected to Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Their former yokes:

Acts 15:10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Believe in Him

John 6:28-29 “Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Our spiritual labor, to enter into that rest, is against principalities, powers and wicked spirits in heavenly places.

Eph 6:12-13 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

There is an Eternal Rest

Revelation 14:13 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.”

Joshua Totally Surrendered

Joshua 5:13-15 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?”

Joshua 5:14-15 So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” Then the Commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Examples of Unbelief

Hebrews 4:11 “Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, **lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**”

The word fall here is the same word as in Luke 10:18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” It is also used in Matthew 7:25-27

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1 Corinthians 10:6, 11-12 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted; **Now all these things happened to them as examples**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

We enter our spiritual rest with true faith which is comprised of:

1. Knowledge – hearing the Word
2. Confidence – trusting or believing the Word
3. Obedience – obeying and living the Word

Obedience is the evidence of faith, which leads to rest!
How restful is your life?