



*"You will know them by their fruits." Mt. 7:16*

## Selected Scriptures of Rest

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All meaningful instances of the word "rest" are listed below.

In the Old Testament, the picture that emerges is the hedge of earthly protection that surrounds His people after they allow Him to remove all disobedience.

The New Testament hedge provides protection stretching from earth to Heaven since the finished work of the Spirit now extends effectually to the inward parts as well. Only a scripturally complete consecration enables the faithful to enter into this finished work of faith.

This Rest can be correctly viewed as us in Him, as well as Him being finally freed to be Himself within us. He is allowed to feel at home in us and express His expansive personality, without the abominations that would otherwise make Him silently and patiently hide afar off in faith for you.

*All scriptures are in the New King James Version.*

Exodus 33:14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 34:21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

Exodus 35:2 "Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. (Today if we do not enter His rest, but continue in our own works, we too are worthy of death. It could be said, that in God's eyes, we survive only for the sake of our children, since God is waiting for a generation that will have the undiluted faith to walk fully in His ways. Today's generation has certainly not entered His rest, so He is still waiting..... See Hebrews 3 below. ES)

Leviticus 23:3 "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Leviticus 26:35 "As long as it lies desolate it shall rest' for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

Joshua 1:13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, — The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.¶

Joshua 1:15 "until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD¶S servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

Joshua 3:13 "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

Joshua 21:44 The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

1 Kings 5:4 But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence. (Amen, this is so true inwardly for those who walk in His Rest. ES)

1 Kings 8:56 “Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

1 Chronicles 22:9 — Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

1 Chronicles 28:2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, “Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.

2 Chronicles 14:11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, “LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” Psalms 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

Psalms 95:11 So I swore in My wrath, — They shall not enter My rest.¶” Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 14:3 It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, Isaiah 14:7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet; They break forth into singing. (Even so, O Lord, is my earth within! Edit.) Isaiah 18:4 For so the LORD said to me, “I will take My rest, And I will look from My dwelling place Like clear heat in sunshine, Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.” Isaiah 28:12 To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear.

Isaiah 30:15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” But you would not, Jeremiah 6:16 Thus says the LORD: “Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, — We will not walk in it.¶” Jeremiah 30:10 — Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,¶ says the LORD, — Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid.

Matthew 11:28 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:29 “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.

Acts 7:49 — Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? Says the LORD, Or what is the place of My rest?

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Thessalonians 1:7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

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Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be

spoken afterward,

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. (as believers, we are doing our job if.....) ("hope" refers to the whole flow of scripture as Paul saw it through his own sanctified eyes)

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.

10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, — They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.¶

11 So I swore in My wrath, — They shall not enter My Rest.¶" (OT=hedged against all non-mandatory earthly sorrow)

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (Let us not follow this example!!)

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and: 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.

2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, (Amen! We do!! We add our faith to this word and press in!) as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, — They shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (not just since Calvary!!) (Calvary piles another layer of help on to make it even more likely for the next generation to be able to enter in instead of turning away en masse as in the rebellion above.) 4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

5 and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest." (They denied the Sabbath finished work of rest, and so passed on their sorrow to the next generation. See Exodus 35:2 above.)

6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

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.

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

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (So this means that we have all been guilty of taking this nice verse out of context. The division mentioned here refers to how He brings us into His Rest.)

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 3:1 all the way to Hebrews 4:14

(So just what did we confess again? We confessed obedience to be delivered by grace from all sin and self through faith in His finished work while yet in this life so that we may be enabled to truly know His ways as we walk in His Rest as we promise to be the continuing testimony of Moses and Jesus in the earth by holding fast “the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”!! In other words, we confessed to hold fast our testimony as we obtain all the promises of the finished work. ES)

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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Observe the following theme:

6 So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” Genesis4:6-7

Adam’s firstborn was given an opportunity to escape sin here. He could have ruled over it. Does this mean he could have consequently entered into the finished work of His Rest at that time?

Exodus 24:9-11 “Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.” Here also the children of Israel were given an opportunity to escape sin. This extraordinary working luncheon with God could have blossomed into much more!!!!!!

Luke 13:31-33 “On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, —Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.¶

33 “Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.”

Since the opportunities to escape sin were so regularly spurned, He sent His Son down to bridge the gap to His finished work. And he did this quite openly.

John 17:14-23 “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

16 “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

18 “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 “that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 “I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

He also bridged the gap by converting His chosen apostles from being of this world, to being of His Heaven through bringing them into His own Rest. He then sent them out to invite and guide the world into that same Rest in Him so that for them, Heaven becomes closer than earth.

The person of the Holy Spirit was sent to continue the work of bridging the gap that Jesus started. He continues to build faith and deliver from bondage so that vast millions may also be not of the world and enter into that same Rest in Him.

## Conclusion

“His Rest” is not just some optional extra blessing that a few precious souls may enter into. It has nothing to do with an easy-chair! Bringing all out of sin to Rest (Tabernacle) in His Presence has always been the end-game of the Lord’s working and wooing through the ages. The Lord always wanted this frank and open fellowship with men, but could not betray His character or sully His Heaven to make it happen. Men are known by the company they keep: so is the Lord also.

To those on the outside, “the hedge” appears to be merely protection. To those on the inside it is uninterrupted eating and drinking in Him.....

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