

MESSAGE 1: ABOLISH POUTING Psalms 37:1-2

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MESSAGE 4: DELIGHT IN THE LORD Psalms 37:4

MESSAGE 5: EFFECTIVELY DWELL IN THE LAND Psalms 37:3 (IT'S THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER GIVEN BY GOD)

MESSAGE 6: FAITHFULLY REST IN THE LORD

Launching Text:

Psalms 94:13 (God wants) That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

Psalms 116:7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Isaiah 32:17 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.¹⁰ For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.¹¹ Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Preaching Text: Psalms 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.

Introduction: This message is a summary of the other messages in this series of Five Great Keys To Christian Living. We have looked at Abolishing Pouting, Believing God, Committing to God, Delighting in the Lord, and Effectively Dwelling in the Land. If we use those keys we can Faithfully Rest In The Lord and that is what this message is about. We will not be at "REST" until the previous is done.

The word "Rest" in our preaching text is the Hebrew Word daman (pronounced daw-mam) which means hold peace, quiet self, put to silence, stand still, to tarry or wait. God never intended for mankind to struggle in life. He wants us to live the abundant and glorious life and we only can when we rest in the finished work of Christ.

This is why Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-29, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

If we enter into this rest we must:

1. Run To The PLACE Matthew 11:28a Come unto me (Jesus)

2. Recognize The PROBLEM Matthew 11:28b all ye that labor and are heavy laden

3. Realize The PROMISE Matthew 11:28c and I will give you REST.

4. React To The PRONOUNCEMENT Matthew 11:29a Take My yoke upon you (hook up with Jesus)

5. Respond To The PLEA Matthew 11: 29b and learn of Me

6. RESULTS Matthew 11:29d and ye shall find rest for your souls.

How can we fulfill the PRONOUNCEMENT and PLEA and not struggle in life but live in God's REST and His BEST? This is what this message is about.

1. REST IN THE LORD BY DWELLING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

1. The Promise Of God's Presence

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2. The Procurement Of God's Presence

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

3. The Purpose Of God's Presence (relationship, fellowship, and friendship)

Psalms 91:1-3 He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Psalms 91:14-16 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

2. REST IN THE LORD BY DEPENDING ON GOD'S PROMISES

Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers (yes even all of us): (Jesus came to confirm the promises of God to us)

1. The Steadfastness Of The Promises Of God

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

2. The Realness of the Promises Of God

2-Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

3. The Result Of The Promises Of God

Isaiah 43:2 When thou pass through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walk through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isaiah 45:2-3 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: ³ And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou may know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

3. REST IN THE LORD BY DRAWING ON GOD'S POWER

Psalms 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongs unto God.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them (His disciples and us), saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1. The Promise Of Power

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt (or better said, destroy) you.

2. The Plan For Power

1-Samuel 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..

3. The Procurement Of Power

Isaiah 40:29-31 He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

4. The Purpose For Power

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens (or empowers) me.

Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

4. REST IN THE LORD BY DECLARING GOD'S PROVISION (we have got to say it, pray it, prophesy it, speak it)

Proverbs 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

1. Promise Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2. Pray James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

3. Prophesy Mark 11:22-24 And Jesus answering (his disciples concerning the fig tree that He and cursed because it had no fruit and it had died) said unto them, Have faith in God. ²³ For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

5. REST IN THE LORD BY DEMONSTRATING GODLY PRAISE

Psalms 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Psalms 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Psalms 13:6 I will sing unto the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalms 116:7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Conclusion: Don't struggle in life but rest in the Lord and all of His promises to live the best blessed life

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