

God's Rest

Hebrews 4:1-13

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THE BIG IDEA: Professing Christian, make sure you have truly entered God's rest!

A. The Promise of God's Rest

Genesis 2: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Isaiah 40: 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? □ The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. □ He does not faint or grow weary

Revelation 14: 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

B. The Way to God's Rest

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

“The utter uniqueness of the Christian message — the heart of the gospel — is found in the three words of Christ from the cross, ‘It is finished’ (John 19:30). The message of every other religious system, without exception, is predicated on some variation of another three words, which stand starkly opposed to the gospel’s three words. Religion’s three words are: ‘Get to work.’ And this is the heart of the bad news behind every approach to spirituality, enlightenment, or salvation that is not Christian.”

- Jared Wilson

C. The Urgency of God's Rest (v.1, 6-7, 11-13)

Numbers 14:40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, “Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.” 41 But Moses said, “Why now are you transgressing the command of the Lord, when that will not succeed? 42 Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.” 44 But they presumed...

Nothing in my hand I bring

Simply to the cross I cling □

Naked, come to Thee for dress

Helpless look to Thee for grace □

Foul, I to the fountain fly □

Wash me, Savior, or I die

– verse 3 of Rock of Ages, written by Augustus Montague Toplady