



ENTERING INTO GOD'S REST (2)

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- Rest is a place of establishment in Christ. As we walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, we are established in the faith (**Colossians 2:6–7**).
- Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved (**Psalms 125:1–3**). Shakings may come, but they cannot overturn what God has established.
- A man of rest does not live by gossip or “current affairs,” but by what God has already said. You don't need what is happening; you only need what has happened in God's perspective. Current affairs will move like water currents, but the Word has already revealed the “future affairs” (**Psalms 125:1–3**).
- The first doorway into rest is genuine salvation. “Come to Me... and I will give you rest” (**Matthew 11:28–29**).
- There is no peace for the wicked (**Isaiah 57:20–21**). Because of sin, guilt and shame, Cain left the presence of God, began to live in a land of Nod (Nod means “wandering”) and became restless (**Genesis 4:9–16**).
- Someone may still have children, build cities, and succeed outwardly without enjoying God's rest because life is more than bread (**Luke 12:23**). Jesus said the Gentiles chase these things, but we must seek first the kingdom of God (**Matthew 6:31–33**). If you are chasing what the Gentiles chase, you have not yet understood God's rest.
- The true message of the church is not material comfort but transformation. Today, many are excited by messages of “breakthrough” but bored by messages of sin, righteousness and judgement (**Acts 24:24–25**). Yet God is calling us from salvation to transformation and then to significant service in His kingdom.
- There remains a rest for the people of God, but we must be diligent to enter it. We labour—not by performance but by aligning our hearts—to enter His rest, so we do not repeat Israel's example of unbelief and disobedience (**Hebrews 3:12–4:11**).
- There is a rest that is given (“I will give you rest”), and there is a rest

that is found (“you will find rest for your souls”) as we take His yoke and learn of Him (**Matthew 11:28–29**). Learning Christ and submitting to His ways is the “labour” that leads to rest that is found.

- Issachar “saw that rest was good, and that the land was pleasant,” and bowed his shoulder to bear and became a servant unto tribute (**Genesis 49:14–15, KJV**). This is a picture of self-discipline and delayed gratification—choosing to bear the yoke now so as to enjoy true rest later.
- To enter God's rest, we must discipline our bodies and refuse to be ruled by feelings and the “do you / do what works for you” culture. We bow our shoulders in surrender and self-control so that we are not disqualified after preaching to others (**1 Corinthians 9:27, Genesis 49:14–15**).
- Part of our “tribute” to God is laying down what used to be gain to us. Like Paul, we count former gains as loss for the sake of Christ, denying self and taking up the cross to follow Him (**Philippians 3:1–8, Hebrews 4:10, Luke 9:23**). You cannot be in His rest and still insist on

doing your own works.

- We enter rest by faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**). Noah, whose name means “rest,” entered into God's prophetic purpose by faith, building an ark for things not yet seen (**Genesis 5:28–29, Hebrews 11:7**).
- Prophetic words and Scriptures are not mere information; they come with power. When we align with what God has spoken, the built-in grace in that word begins to work in us. The Word is spirit and life!
- The grace of God rides on the back of the Word. Noah “found grace” in the eyes of the Lord (**Genesis 6:8**) because there was already a prophetic word over his life (**Genesis 5:29**). As we believe and obey God's word, grace is released to teach, strengthen, and transform.
- Kingdom transformation is often invisible but real. Like a seed that grows while the farmer sleeps and wakes, the Word works in us often imperceptibly until Christ's life begins to show forth (**Mark 4:26–28**). Old habits begin to fall away not by sheer willpower but by the quiet power of an active Word.

- Noah overcame the flood by obedience. While judgement was lifting others away, the same waters made him rise in the ark. As we remain in Christ, our Ark will float in rest even when floods are everywhere (**Genesis 7:17–20; 8:4**).

Prayer Points

1. Father, thank You for the rest You have given me in Christ; I lay down every burden (sin, guilt, worry, and striving) and receive Your peace in every area of my life.
2. Lord, establish me in Your rest. Root me, ground me, and make me unshakable in the midst of life's storms, knowing that You maintain my lot and fight my battles.
3. Father, deliver me from chasing what the Gentiles chase. Open my eyes to the deeper kingdom life, and help me set my heart on the things that truly matter.
4. Lord, help me to deny myself, to discipline my desires, and to walk in obedience and diligence. Help me to labour through prayer, the Word, and surrender until I fully enter the

rest You have prepared for me.

5. Father, increase my faith like Noah. Help me believe and act on Your Word even when I do not see results yet, and let the

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prophetic word over my life find full expression.

6. Lord, guard my heart from distractions, gossip, and wandering. Produce Your fruit in me daily and keep me anchored in Christ, rising above every flood as I rest in Him.