

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

We think of rest we think of things like sleeping in, going to bed early, a hammock on a sunny beach or a vacation. God rests, but never sleeps. *“He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. God ended His work which He had made; and He rested.”* God’s rests are when He stops to rejoice in finished work, but He needs no sleep. Work tires us, because



it exhausts our power, but God’s power is infinite. He needs no sleep and never wearies. His rest is to enjoy His completed work. God’s work is always with purpose, on purpose, for a purpose. God will rejoice in Heaven with us, because we will be His finished work! *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”* What is that works IN you? Your thoughts. They produce your words and deeds. When God’s Word is in your thoughts, He is working IN you and is present WITH you! When God’s Word, Truth, enters man’s consciousness via written or spoke word, they then have to make a decision whether to receive and believe it or reject and deny it. God’s Word is the vehicle that brings the GIFT of faith to the believing. *“Faith cometh by...the Word of God. God hath chosen the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called (by His Word) according to HIS PURPOSE.”* God’s Word proclaimed, be it stars, angels, or man, brings the hearer to a point of decision; reject or receive. *“My Word that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* God’s Word saves or condemns the hearer, but it is they who decide. Jesus came unto His own, *“and His own received Him not. But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”* To enter God’s peace and joy we must cease from our own works so God’s work in and through us is unhindered. *“Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”* We might grow weary IN the work of the Lord, but let us never grow weary OF the work of the Lord. If we do it in our own power, we will faint and never reap!

The seaman rests upon the land,  
Because the keeper’s faithful hand,  
Kept the Light in darkest night,  
So weary seamen saw the light! -CGP

The secret to resting in God’s work is to meticulously obey His Word. Decisions are only difficult when we lay aside God’s Word in favor of our own desires! We overlook the basics of confession, prayer, study, and meditation, to do what we think is a greater task, but there’s no greater task than being an obedient, loving, and thankful child; a clean vessel. God’s Light (Word) in us is the guiding beacon in sin’s darkness for ourselves AND others. *“CHRIST IN YOU the Hope of Glory.”* Like a lighthouse, we merely contain and direct the Light. The light keeper doesn’t rescue sailors, but keeps the light burning and the lenses polished, perhaps never knowing the results of his labor: He does it faithfully and no storm ever deters him for he knows its vital importance. We keep the lighthouse, but are never the Light! *“Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”* You can swim the ocean or you can stand on the steamer’s deck. Rest

in God's perfect work in you through faithful obedience. I reiterate *"For it is God which worketh IN you, both TO WILL AND TO DO of HIS good pleasure. For we are HIS workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works."* Our purpose for obeying God is to reveal Jesus Christ who said, *"If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."* Perhaps men are not coming to Christ, because we are not lifting Him up with obedience. Our lenses are clouded and dirtied by our disobedience. Disobedience is the epitome of unbelief!

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5 KJV*

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