

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Receiving Requires Rest

Foundation Statement: *Receiving requires rest and rest requires faith (They didn't receive the promise land because they wouldn't rest and they wouldn't rest because they lacked faith)*

I. Isaiah 7:1-9-Receiving requires rest

- A. 2-When they got the evil report it moved them; they were disturbed, trembling, unstable
 - 1. 4-God's command to them was to be quiet; be at peace, rest, lie still, be undisturbed
 - 2. Is this resting required if they want to receive? Can you be worrisome and restless and have the care and at the same time receive from God and have him take care of it? NO
- B. It's very interesting that the strategy of the enemy to destroy these people began with the enemy endeavoring to vex these people
 - 1. Vex-Distressed, Sickening Dread, Grieved, Distressed
 - 2. Your enemy wants you troubled and disturbed and weary with no peace and no rest
 - 3. **If Satan can get you vexed, distressed, agitate, not resting it gives him an opening into your life**
 - a. A breach is a breaking through, a breaking open, an opening
 - b. If Satan can't get you vexed, there is no breach
 - c. When the shield of faith is up there will be no breach-Ephesians 6:16
 - 1) Proverbs 30:5-When you're shield of faith is up, God becomes your shield
 - d. 1 Peter 5:7-8-Satan is looking for an opening
 - 1) If you're in this vexed state it's evident that you have the care & Satan has an opening in your life
 - 2) If you have the care, then Satan has an opening
- C. Satan so desperate wants to get you in a frantic, distressed, agitated, frustrated state because if you are in that state, then you do have the care and he has an opening in to your life
 - 1. Peace and rest and faith closes him off
 - 2. Anybody who is in a state of resting, he's endeavoring to get them restless-1 Samuel 17, Daniel 3
- D. 9-If they won't believe, if they won't rest they won't win
 - 1. *CEV-If Ahaz and his officials don't trust me, they will be defeated.*

II. 1 Samuel 1-When we enter into rest God goes to work

- A. 6-Satan has her sorrowing, frustrated, grieved, troubled, trembling and she's not resting
 - 1. Does she have to yield to any of these things? NO – Isaiah 26:3

2. People often times feel justified to yield to these things because of the seriousness of their situation and if they do they are wrong
 3. Is it okay to be frustrated, sorrowful, discouraged, heavy and restless? NO. Is it okay in certain instances? NO. And if you yield to those things you will not receive from God – John 14:1
 - a. Nobody is exempt from having feelings like these, but nobody is justified in yielding to them
 4. 7-This type of lifestyle when on year after year
 - a. She's not resting, she's restless, she's toiling and it's getting her no closer to what she desires
 - b. You can see the weight of this situation is heavy on her and the care of this is in her hands
 5. She's weeping and not eating and I would guess she wants God to feel sorry for her so much that He gives her a child
- B. Unthankfulness is an enemy of rest; being unthankful will rob you of peace and keep you from resting
1. 8-Just from what we know from these verses Hannah's life is pretty good; She's got a good husband, she's got breath in her lungs, food on the table; She's better off than Ruth, when Ruth started out, but Hannah has got her eyes on the one thing she doesn't have
 2. When you get your eyes on what you don't have and what you can't do it's going to stir up Unthankfulness in your heart and you'll have no peace and no rest
 3. You get thankful you get peaceful and you can rest – Philippians 4:6-7
- C. She's praying, she's doing something that looks spiritual, but she's not doing the one thing that she needs to do and that's rest in God and trust him
1. She's angry, she's chafed, she's discontented and she prays and faithless prayer
 - a. You can pray to God and it have no faith in it and it will yield no results
 - b. This is Babylonian based religion; This is cry and wail and pray all at once and maybe God will do something; that's not the Kingdom
 - c. Is God getting anything out of this? Is this pleasing Him? – Hebrews 11:6, Romans 15:13, Hebrews 4:3
 - 1) People will try to call what she is doing faith, but it's not
 2. 11-She's possessing affliction and misery with her words
 3. 10-11-This is prayer infected with toil
 - a. Feel sorry for me and do something and I'll even give my son to you – That's Babylon
 - b. She's trying to make it happen; Forget by grace through faith, she's playing, "Let's make a deal."
 - c. She is toiling to obtain and trying to establish here on righteousness
 - d. Has she done Matthew 6:33?
 4. 12-16-She thinks she's being spiritual
 - a. 15-That's a bad confession

- b. 15-Great you poured out your soul before the Lord, but have you released any faith? I'm glad you cried for an hour and 15 minutes and shared all your negative thoughts and feelings with Him, but do you have any faith? People's whole prayer lives are based on this "pouring out of their soul" and they never release any faith.
 - 1) Hebrews 4:14-16-This doesn't say come boldly to the throne of grace and pour out your soul before him; it says come boldly to the throne of grace holding fast to the confession of your faith.
 - 2) Psalm 62:8-Pour out your heart, but your heart should be full of faith
 - 3) You can pour out your soul for 3 hours, nothing changes until you get in faith
 - 4) Maybe you wouldn't need to pour all that negative stuff out if you never let it in to start with

D. 18-Here we have some faith

- 1. 17-If you'll shut up and rest and stop working, God will start working --- Peace-Quiet, Tranquility
 - a. She finally released the care of this thing into God's hands & the moment she did he took care of it
- 2. 17-Eil by the Spirit of God gave her the Kingdom (the plan) and his righteousness (the right thing to do) and when she did what she desired was added to her
- 3. 18-In returning and rest she got her victory
 - a. She didn't find her victory in being vexed and toiling in spiritual principles
- 4. While she's vexed there's an opening for the enemy to keep this from happening in her life
 - a. The moment she got in peace, the opening closed and God was able to move in her life

III. Trying to establish your own righteousness through self-effort rather than by faith is Babylonian based religion-Romans 10

- A. You can be passionate and have the right intentions and get no results; you can put a lot effort into the wrong thing and it will yield no results
 - 1. You can be passionate and ignorant but ignorance will keep you from the results
 - 2. They were ignorant of God's righteousness in particular of how to obtain it
- B. They are trying to obtain their own righteousness through what they do; They want to obtain righteousness, but they are depending on themselves and they are depending on what they are doing to obtain it
 - 1. 1-He wants them to be saved, but where is their salvation and victory? Is their victory in their toiling and laboring? No it's in returning and rest – Isaiah 30:15
 - a. They need to return and look to God instead of looking to themselves
 - b. Who are they looking to in regards of obtaining this righteous? They are looking to themselves trying to be their own source

- c. **You can toil in scriptural principles trying to obtain something on your own and not by looking to God at all; Receiving is found in the balance of doing what you have to do to receive while not depending on yourself, but rather depending totally upon him**
 - d. **Many people inject spiritual principles with toil & when they do, those principles have no power**
2. They would not submit to Gods way and went about doing it their way; they way was labor and toil while His way was faith and rest
 - a. They never got righteous through their own way, and neither will you
- C. 4-Christ is the end of working for righteousness to every one who believes
1. 6,7-Righteousness which comes by faith doesn't talk like work still has to be done, but rather it talks like the work is finished; Jesus finished the work
 - a. Part of the Kingdom is understanding that the work is finished and everything that pertains to life of godliness is setting on a table before you
 2. When faith begins the toil ends
 - a. The fatigue will stop when the work stops
- D. 8-10-Righteousness which comes by faith talks like the work is finished and all you have to do to receive is believe and speak
1. In Salvation you did Matthew 6:33: Lord what's your plan? What do I need to do and say?
 - a. His plan for you was salvation; you needed to confess Jesus and believe with your heart that God raised him from the dead and you got saved; That's how everything in every of our lives works
 2. You could try to establish your own salvation forever, but until you do what God says you're not going to get saved
 - a. Until you seek God and find out his plan and the right thing to do and say you're going to be circling the problem in toil and it might be prayer toil-Matthew 6:33
 3. You never toiled for your salvation; you believed, you obeyed, you rest; Why would you toil for your healing?
 - a. Instead of trying to do 1,000 different things to obtain something you don't have there's only one thing you need to do and it's Matthew 6:33 – What's your plan? What do you want me to do?
- E. 17-21-Faith at it's origin is a choice
1. 11-15-To call you have to believe, to believe you have to hear and to hear somebody has to preach
 - a. Is preaching key to your victory?
 - b. It's the gospel of peace, not the gospel of toil and struggle

2. This is where toil comes in because sometimes we think we have to hear more and more before we can believe; Faith is a choice and you have to choose to believe
 - a. Hearing does not always equate to believing if you choose not to believe
 - b. You can hear and hear and hear and never believe if you don't choose to
3. Certainly, if your faith seem weak it can develop by decision and by hearing

IV. Matthew 11-Jesus wants us resting in the Kingdom, not toiling in Babylon

- A. Matthew 6:33-God revealing to you the plan and what to do and say is paramount in the kingdom
 1. 25-The Father is not showing everybody what to do and say
 - a. He will show anybody, but he's not showing everybody
 2. He hides it from the proud, but he shows it to the humble
 - a. The proud would be the people who try to take care of stuff without God and those people don't need God's direction because they think they can take care of it on their own
 3. 27-The Father gave Jesus all things to do and to say – Why? Because in his humility Jesus sought him for it
 - a. The Holy Spirit will take of the Father's and show it to you-John 16:13-15
 - b. He'll show you what to do and what to say (His plan and what your part is in the plan)
- B. 28-He doesn't want you toiling through life; He wants you to have rest
 1. He didn't say come to me and I'll show you how to labor better
 2. 29-Hook to me; In Babylon you're not yoked to him, you're doing it yourself; In the Kingdom he has a part and you have a part
- C. Jesus was (meek) yielding and (Lowly) humble
 1. **I do what the Father says and I don't try to take care of stuff**
 2. He didn't try to take care of stuff-1 Peter 5-7
- D. How did Jesus do it?
 1. He never tried to take care of anything – John 5:19,30
 2. He sought first the Kingdom and His righteousness-John 5:19,30,8:26
 - a. You don't look to Egypt, you don't look to yourself, you look to Him and he's going to show you the plan and he's going to show you what to do and what to say and you do it and you say it and you rest and you stay in faith and you trust and you rest
 - b. Proverbs 8:13-You don't get wisdom if you don't seek it
 3. He did what the Lord showed him
 4. He step backed and trusted and rested in faith
- E. In the Kingdom there is time where you rest-Mark 4:26
 1. He's laboring so that he can rest

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2. Our flesh likes to be busy on all the time, trusting in our own effort