

Monday, 26 May 2014

Hebrews 4:9-12

*So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

There is a Sabbath rest promised to me but it is a rest that I must be intentional about attaining. And it is not a surface obedience, a legalistic setting aside of a day or portion of one but a mind, heart and soul change. A Romans 12:2 transformation. That two-edged sword pierces to the intentions and thoughts of the heart. Lord, bring me to my knees into Your rest.

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Tuesday, 27 May 2014

Psalm 95:1-5

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. A Mighty Fortress is our God. Rock of Ages, cleft for me. The Old Rugged Cross. Praise the Savior, ye who know Him. The great hymns of the faith, provided by the Holy Spirit to fuel the spirit of praise within my heart. A great gift to the Lord's own.

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Wednesday, 28 May 2014

Psalm 95:6-7a

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27*

And that voice calls me to worship and obey. He knows me— He and I have an intimate relationship—a knowing that transcends any other relationship.

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Thursday, 29 May 2014

Psalm 95:7b-11

*Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*

As the old praise chorus goes, "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary" Send those messengers that You have appointed to admonish and guide me into all truth. Give me the willingness, the desire, the compulsion to obey You above all others. Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary for You through the power of Your grace, Your mercy and Your love.

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Friday, 30 May 2014

Acts 1:6-11

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

What a wonderful and complete passage of instruction for life in the Kingdom here and now:

1. He is coming back but it is not up to me to worry about when or how.
2. My complete focus is to be a faithful witness wherever He sends me.
3. I am to live in anticipation of His immanent return.

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Saturday, 31 May 2014

Psalm 96:1-3

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all  
the peoples!*

**I will sing of my Redeemer, And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered, From the curse to set me free.**

*Refrain*

*Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood, He purchased me.  
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt, and made me free.<sup>1</sup>*

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Lord's Day, 1 June 2014

Psalm 119:17

*Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.*

You do deal bountifully but I frequently do not recognize it.  
How can I ignore the One who gave His all for me? How can I  
even be so crass as to suggest that You have not dealt  
bountifully with me? Open my eyes Lord so that I will see Your  
goodness.

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*May 25-June 1, 2014*

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<sup>1</sup> Phillip P. Bliss