



There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
Hebrews 4:9

REST IN THE LORD

Rest in the LORD,
and wait patiently for him:
PSALM 37:7

Rest - how very appropriate that we should study Rest right after the busyness, distractions, and activities of the holidays - how kind and gracious of our Heavenly Father to give us exactly what we need when we need it! I don't know about you, but I could sure use some REST!

The word "rest" can be used as a noun or a verb. In this verse, David uses it as a verb. In English it is used in an imperative sentence which means that the subject of that sentence is the understood "you."

God through the pen of David is commanding His people to Rest in Him. According to the Webster 1828 dictionary, "rest" means to "cease from action or motion, labor, work, or performance; to be quiet, still, undisturbed, at peace, not agitated by fear, anxiety, or other passions." There are other definitions, but these fit our lesson best. In the Old Testament "rest" was a promise given to God's people.

In the New Testament we find that "rest" has fulfillment. By faith in Jesus Christ we have entered into "rest" - Heb. 12:22-24. Jesus is our peace - to all who come to Him He gives rest, relief, release, and satisfaction - Matt 11:28-30. Those who have entered into the Rest of Faith know that the final state of Rest is secure. However, that state still awaits us. It is now in the work, the warfare, and the journey that we can find rest, refreshment, release, and satisfaction for our souls. In fact, we must, for it is a command. Read carefully the following quotations from two saints who experienced this rest.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Sometimes the deepest level of trust has the appearance of doing nothing. This does not go down well with our busy souls. My grandfather wrote, "Standing or sitting still, on some occasions, is the paramount duty of the follower of Christ. It may be just then that we shall learn for the first time how to be still in perfect peace and quietness of soul, not idling away our time, not hopelessly limp and heedless of the outcome, but working on in such ways as may given to us, observing with eager joy the way in which God will work it all out to a perfectly glorious ending. Fussiness and haste, strong anxiety and warping care are as futile as the tugging of a little child at the great iron knob of a closed and barred gate, through which his loving father does not care to have him go just then." Response is what matters. A quiet heart is content with what God gives. It is enough. All is grace.

BE STILL MY SOUL, pp. 54-55

CHARLES SPURGEON

This fifth is a most divine precept and requires much grace to carry it out. To hush the spirit, to be silent before the Lord, to wait in holy patience for the time it takes for clearing up difficulties of Providence - this is what every heart full of grace should aim at. Aaron said, "I opened not my mouth, because Thou didst it." A still soul, a silent tongue shows a wise head and a holy heart at rest.

THE TREASURY OF DAVID, PSALM 37

Our Bible Study - WHAT'S IN YOUR VESSEL - will continue on Monday, January 16, 2012, with Lesson Three on the next great precept of Psalm 37 - REST IN THE LORD. Are you in need of rest? I know I am. Please join us as we gather around the Word and learn about real, lasting, abiding, comforting, relaxing, satisfying, joyful REST.

Mrs. Twila

Come unto Me,
all ye that labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Will You Be The One?

By Mary Gray

What a privilege to share a few words with my church's ladies for this PWPS issue! Now the difficulty begins...how to share a year's worth of blessings and events in short fashion! First of all, I want to thank my Lord for putting us into this music ministry. The miles get long, but when we see God move in the hearts of His people through the avenue of music; well, simply put, it's all God—and it is an awesome sight! Last week, a pastor that had never heard Mark sing said to the host pastor: "That man isn't just singing—he is "preaching" that song!" What a blessing to see God use my husband to His glory!

At times, I struggle with feeling very "untalented," focusing on what I "can't" do (sing, play piano, etc). God reminds me that my job is to make Mark "sound" good and focus on what God requires of me. That keeps me busy for sure!

God has shown Himself to me in an awesome way the last several months. As humans, we tend to focus on the "bad" instead of the "good" things. So many of our children are choosing to go their own way, breaking many hearts in the process. I'd like to report to you that there are many of our children making right and godly choices and serving the Lord after they leave home!! If I may quote Miss Twila: "Learn it, Love it, Live it!" Serve the Lord with gladness in front of them consistently! What a blessing to see our children walking in faith...because they choose to, not because we are standing there forcing them. Is it because we've been on the road 31 years and seen so many tragedies in the ministry that God has shown us many of these victories? Maybe, but this I know, it has surely encouraged our hearts, strengthened our walk, and given us great JOY in serving Him.

No matter what comes our way in 2012, may we praise Him with our whole heart, be thankful in everything, and be found faithful! We have ONE moment, ONE chance, ONE life...will you be the ONE to take a stand and make the choice to live for God this year? With God's help, it's my desire to be ONE; I pray you'll join me.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth:
unite my heart to fear thy name.

Psalm 86:11

THANK YOU

10-29-11

Dear Temple Ladies,
Words cannot describe to you how grateful I am towards you! Thank you very much for the \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart. You sent it at the right time when I needed some encouragement (especially during mid-terms). I miss you all and can't wait to see you in December! God has blessed me tremendously this semester and I can't wait to share all about it!

Love, Rachel Gfeller



11-16-11

Dear Temple Ladies,
Thank you so much for the \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart. It came just in time! I used it to purchase laundry detergent and fabric softener! We love you all and we pray for TBC often. Thank you for all you do for us and for your prayers! We love and miss you all!

Love, The Pagets



11-29-11

Dear Mrs. Twila and Ladies of TBC,
Thank you so much for the note and gift card to Wal-Mart! I appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and gifts. I love and miss you all.

Janelle Davis

The way of believing the Word as a
little child gives rest to the mind.

The way of communion with
Christ gives rest to the heart.

CHARLES SPURGEON



TIM & DEBRA TYLER
ROMANIA

“PRAISE THE LORD, THE TIMISOARA INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH MOVED INTO THEIR NEW LOCATION!” This is a big step for this growing congregation and much construction work still needs to be done to the facility. Carpets, chairs, and other furnishings still need to be purchased but this group of believers is thankful for this property that the Lord has given to them.

Ioana, the assistant pastor's wife is recovering from surgery. Prayers for her full recovery and that her biopsy will be negative for cancer would be much appreciated.

Tabita, the seven year old church member who was hit by a car, is making steady improvements. The church family was thrilled when she was able to walk into the new facility on dedication day! Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

To view this letter in its entirety please visit the *European Missions* page on our website.



DON & JOY WILLIAMS
FRANCE

In September, a team of 11 men and women came from the states with the purpose of remodeling the facilities the Williams use for their services. In one week they painted the exterior of all the building, enlarged the auditorium, tiled the floor, repainted the whole auditorium, completed the trim work, erected a overhang outside the front doors, and several other small projects. The transformation is amazing!

The children's clubs have been restarted and a good group of children are attending. The Williams hope to see souls saved as a result of this ministry. Please pray for the teen ministry to grow. Several teens who were faithful have moved away, but the Williams still desire to see this ministry grow.

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OTHER MISSIONARY REQUESTS & NEWS

ERICA BOLTICOFF
BRAZIL



Erica's Grandmother passed away in November. The Bolticoffs were thankful that their schedule allowed them to be present for the funeral service. Please pray that this tragedy would be used for God's glory.



SARAH LECLERCQ
GUAM

In November, after a month and a half of intense sickness, Sarah's mother went home to be with the Lord. Please keep Sarah in your prayers—her fourth child is due any day and she is preparing her family to leave for Guam shortly thereafter.

JEFF & MINDY BUSH
ARGENTINA



The Bush family is pleased to announce that they are expecting their fifth child in February. Bro. Bush is delighted that this one will be a boy! They are currently home on furlough. Pray for Mindy and the safe arrival of this little one.



ADAM & CHRISTINE MCGEORGE
NAURU

The McGeorge family is excited to announce that the Lord has blessed them with another child who is due in July. They will be in the states on furlough during this time. Christine has been feeling sick with this child, which Bro. Adam believes is a girl. Both grandmothers are hoping for a girl, but Elijah, their oldest son, is hoping for another brother. Please pray for Christine.

Memory Verse Challenge

He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalm 37:26-28

Come prepared to say your verses on January 16th at the Ladies Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY LADIES MEETING

Monday, January 16 | 7:00 pm
Challenge - Psalm 37:26-28

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 29 | 6:00 pm
Pray for and plan to be a part of this service

HEARTLAND WEEKEND

Friday - Sunday, February 3-5
Host Families Needed - See the Hoiseths
Help needed - Sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center

EMPORIA LADIES RETREAT

Friday - Saturday, April 20-21
More details as they become available.

Ladies Ministering to Ladies Reminders

The ladies on 'notice' to provide meals
for the month of January:

Cherie Diffendal & Peggy Christy
Glenda Borgelt & Des Luhnnow
Brooke Johnson, Jamie Koontz
& Kristin Howland

Opportunity to Encourage

Send a note to encourage these ladies:

Kathy O' Connell
3017 SW Santa Fe Lake Rd.
Towanda, KS 67144

Connie Hart
1633 SE Sunflower
El Dorado, KS 67042

And the work of righteousness shall be peace;
and the effect of righteousness quietness and
assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell
in a peaceable habitation, and in sure
dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
Isaiah 32:17-18

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the
ways, and see, and ask for the old paths,
where is the good way, and walk therein,
and ye shall find rest for your souls.
Jeremiah 6:16



And he said, My presence shall go with thee,
and I will give thee rest.
Exodus 33:14