


ENTERING INTO THE PROMISE OF HIS REST 2
PART 2

"Pilgrims on a journey on the narrow road"

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READ: Hebrews 3:12- Ch. 4:3

Ch. 4:3
*"For we who are
do enter that rest"*

**"Therefore with joy you will draw WATER
From the wells of salvation."
(Isaiah-12:3)**

Under the Old Covenant, God led His people to inheritance a physical
PROMISED LAND

Under the New Covenant, God leads His people to inherit a
A LAND OF PROMISES
(Derek Prince)

However we must note that:

All the principles of obtaining the inheritance applied under the
Old Covenant, apply equally under the New Covenant
(Derek Prince)

Under the Old Covenant,
the leader who brought God's people into the Promised Land was
JOSHUA [= Yehoshua = Jesus]

Hebrews 4:8

*"For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward
have spoken of another day."*

Under the New Covenant,
the leader who brings God's people into the Promised Land
"The Land of Promises" is
JESUS [= Yehoshua = Joshua]

**THE PROMISE OF ENTERING HIS REST.....
IS A SPIRITUAL REST
FROM OUR OWN DEAD WORKS**

**A SPIRITUAL REST THAT WE
OBTAIN BY FAITH AND OBEDIENCE
TO THE GOSPEL – BELIEVING THE GOSPEL
[BY LIVING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS]**

**THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT’S LIFE GIVING POWER
JESUS BRINGS US INTO “HIS REST”
A REST FROM HAVING TO STRIVE AGAINST OUR ENEMY
(THE FLESH / THE WORLD / THE DEVIL)
BY FORMING IN US
THE DIVINE NATURE OF GOD**

**BY FAITH WE OVERCOME OUR ENEMIES
BY REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO THEM
UNTIL THE HOLY SPIRIT
TRANSFORMS US INTO HIS LIKENESS
BY PRODUCING IN US HIS FRUIT / HIS NATURE**

*Share my
testimony of
overcoming
'smoking'*

**Entering into the “Land of Promises”
Jesus cries out.....**

Matthew 11:28-29

**“Come to Me,
all you who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”**

**“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”**

“ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**I WILL GIVE YOU REST !
YOU WILL FIND REST !**

BUT!!!

**Is there something we must do?
Are there conditions for entering His rest ?**

**TAKE MY YOKE
UPON YOU !** → *“My yoke is
easy”*

*“My burden
is light ”* ← **LEARN
FROM ME !**

Matthew 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,"

TAKE MY YOKE
UPON YOU !

" For My yoke is easy and
My burden is light."

LEARN
FROM ME !

Strange paradox that a person
already weary and overloaded
must take a new weight upon
himself in order to find rest

(A sermon in itself)

We are either slaves of
righteousness or slaves of sin
READ: Romans 6:14-23

(18) *And having been set free
from sin, you became slaves
of righteousness*

(22) *But now having been set
free from sin, and having
become slaves of God, you
have your fruit to holiness,
and the end, everlasting life.*

The cry of God concerning His
people shouts loud through
out His prophetic word

Hebrews 3:10 / Psalm 95: 10
*"Therefore I was angry with that
generation, And said, 'They always
go astray in their heart, And they
have not known My ways.'*

My people always go astray.....!

My people do not know My ways.!

Why do they always question My
Faithfulness to keep My promises!

I WILL GIVE YOU REST !

YOU WILL FIND REST !

BUT LEARN FROM ME !

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How to enter into "The Land of Promises"

Hebrews 4:3

"For we who have believed do enter that rest

Those who will believe [and continue believing] that God is faithful
to his promises will after they have suffered a little while

ENTER HIS REST

Hebrews 11:6

*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that
He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Those who will not believe [and continue not believing] that God is
faithful to his promises, will after they have suffered a little while
become discouraged / rebel / disobey / fall in to sin & unbelief and

NOT ENTER MY REST

Hebrews 4:11

*"Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest,
lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience."*

"For the word of God is living and powerful and....."

Compare this with Isaiah 55:10-13

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts (higher) than your thoughts

Isaiah 55:1-13 (...for your own study)

"For as the rains come down.....water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater

SO SHALL MY WORD BE
THAT GOES FORTH FROM MY MOUTH
IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME VOID
BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I PLEASE
AND IT SHALL PROSPER IN THE THING FOR WHICH I SENT IT

Hebrews 4:3...

"FOR WE WHO HAVE BELIEVED DO ENTER THAT REST"

BELIEVED WHAT ?

The 'chesed' of God
"GOODNESS"
of God (Ps. 107)

Believing that God is faithful to his promises
Believing that God will do as he has promised
Believing that God will reward those who
diligently seek Him and calls upon His name
[Hebrews 12:6]

Believing that ... "we are more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ who loves us and gave Himself for us"

Our Inheritance under the New Covenant are the
"Exceedingly great and precious promises by which we
become partakers of the divine nature and escape the
corruption that is in the world through lust....

[READ: 2 Peter 1:2-11]

THE PROMISE OF REST..... Is a spiritual rest that we enter into by
FAITH Where the Holy Spirit produces in me through His life
giving power the divine nature of God.

Derek Prince in His book 'Set Apart For God' pg 97

Teaches us that we need to recognise that there is a tremendous
difference between *the legal possession* of the promises of God's
word and *the experiential possession* of the promises in the Word
Joshua 1:2-3

(2) "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise,
go over this Jordan, you and all this people,
to the land which I am giving to them-the children of Israel.

= present tense

(3) ""Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon
I have given you, as I said to Moses..

= It becomes present perfect tense

The promise of God to the Children of Israel

(2) *".....I am giving to them-the children of Israel.*

From that moment onward, the entire land *"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory....."* Legally belonged to the Israelites

BUT !!!!

They still had to appropriate it experientially..... By placing their feet on every area of the land and casting out every enemy who occupied the land that God had legally given to them.

As Derek Prince emphasises in his book
All the principles of obtaining the inheritance applied under the Old Covenant, apply equally under the New Covenant.

Derek uses as an example some believers who deny the necessity of receiving any experience beyond salvation;

"I don't need any second blessing. I don't need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I got it all when I was saved."

The answer is, "Yes, you did – Legally. But not experientially."

Building on the idea of Derek Prince's example.....Pg. 98

(My rendition)

If Joshua and the children of Israel had been the NT traditionalists

(i.e. Good Methodists / NGK's / Presby's etc.

They would have lined up on the east bank of the Jordan River with their arms folded and said, "This land is our land!"

(i.e. Ek is klein-gedooop - voorgestel en aangeneem)

If Joshua and the children of Israel had been NT fundamentalists

(i.e. Good Baptists)

They would have lined up on the west bank of the Jordan River with their arms folded and said, "We've got it all!"

(i.e. I got it all when I got saved and was baptised)

By the same token if Joshua and the children of Israel had been NT Pentecostals & Charismatic's

They would have lined up on the west bank of the Jordan River with their arms folded and said, "We've got it all!"

"We've got all the power that we need to live in our promised land!"

Regardless on which side of the Jordan you were standing on
The Canaanites would have been laughing at them because they knew who was actually 'experientially' dwelling in the land.

Where are you standing ?

On the east bank ? On the west bank ?

At the battle of Jericho ? (Joshua 6:21)

At their defeat at Ai? - defeated because of the accursed t things (7:12)

Renewing your covenant with God at Mt Gerazim (Joshua 9:34-35)

Trapped in an covenant with the Gibeonites ? (Joshua 9:14-15)

Battling against the five kings of the Amorites; (Joshua 10:5)

Battling against the Hittite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite,
the Jebusite

Who are your enemies? From whom do you need rest?

Joshua 10:25

*Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed;
be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your
enemies against whom you fight."*

All the promises are yours in Christ already!

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

*For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen,
to the glory of God through us....."*

*(22) who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts
as a guarantee. (of our inheritance)*

"Pilgrims on a journey on the narrow road"

All the promises are yours in Christ already!

But every step that you take into your Land of Promises

(Your inheritance in Christ under the New Covenant)

Will be contested by your enemies.

(All the forces of Satan, his evil spirits and demons)

The lust of the flesh / The lust of the eyes / The pride of life

YOU HAVE TO SET YOUR FACE LIKE A FLINT.....

and move into the land of promises (Isaiah. 50:7-10)

DECLARING !

**The Lord has given me this land – I am putting my feet here
Satan ! You move off ! Loose me! Get out ! In the name of Jesus Christ**

Satan vacates only when He is confronted with / by

FAITH & DETERMINATION

Hebrews 4:3 "For we who have believed do enter that rest."