

Enter Into My Rest

This time of transition between Pentecost and Tabernacles is a call to enter into My rest.

All along in ancient Israel, My call, even My command, was for them to enter into My rest. You do this by faith—by believing that I AM THAT I AM, by trusting Me to lead you and keep you with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, by trusting Me to provide for you My daily manna and My sweet water, by trusting in Me to deliver upon every word that I promised.

Had ancient Israel listened, trusted, and obeyed Me, even in the face of adversity I would have kept her. I would have sovereignly delivered her from all her enemies. I would have driven out the enemy of the land and established her securely in all of the places I had promised. I would have caused her land to be plentiful—crops, livestock, the fruit of trees and vines. She would have prospered beyond measure. My grace would have been more than sufficient to bring her into My rest. But because of her unbelief, she did not enter in.

Now I made a promise to Myself that there would be a people who would enter into My promised rest. And now is the time for that. This is an obedient people.

Let us talk about obedience. I have already said to you that the work of God is to believe in Jesus whom the Father has sent. This is not passive faith—the kind that passes off any response-ability, that shrugs the shoulders and says, “Oh, I can do as I please; God has everything under control.” On the contrary, this is active faith—the kind that calls for a response. I command; you obey. Faith, therefore, is the act of believing I say what I mean and mean what I say.

This kind of obedience to faith causes Me to open the windows of heaven and pour out grace upon grace, granting you the power to be who you are in Me; that is to say, granting you unmerited salvation, granting you the forgiveness of sins, granting you holiness, granting deliverance from your enemies.

James wrote, “Show me your faith [faith without works and I will show you my faith with works]?” What works could he be talking about? The works of the law? The works of religion? The works of the flesh? Self-righteous living? Are any of these in keeping with the spirit of My New Covenant? Neither the Old nor the New! The works of faith is obedience.

This people that I am bringing forth will do mighty exploits in My name. They will be an obedient people. But nothing they do will be for the sake of earning their own righteousness, but will be done because of their righteousness.

Nevertheless, it will not be them doing the works. I will be doing My finished works through them, because they believe. Heaven will be opened up to them and they will see the Kingdom of God, enter the Kingdom of God, and inherit the Kingdom of God. For greater works (of faith) they will do because I go to the Father.

It was needful for Me to go to the Father that I might send My Holy Spirit to invade the hearts and lives of men everywhere in order for them to know Me. Once you know Me, you trust Me. Once you trust Me, you will obey Me. And in obedience I will work My work in you and through you. If you fail to believe that I AM, then My works will be taken from you.

This is not said to provoke fear, but to assure you. All that is required of you is to believe. The obedience of faith will move mountains. Faith is not “faith for things.” It is not “faith in faith.” It is faith in God. Have faith in God. This is My commandment. Obey.

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