

“Know Rest For The Weary”
Deuteronomy 12: 8 -
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Loving God Coventally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Enjoy God's Covenant Begins With Embracing Your God As The Entirety Of Your Life, (vs. 8 - 14)

Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee

Message Emphasis: Many today have a misunderstanding of God's covenant relationship with His people. Some see covenant as nothing more than historical; just an illustration from the past. Some see covenant as just theological; a concept that teaches us about God. Both miss the necessity of God's grace ruling their daily affairs. We must understand that if we are in God's covenant, it means that there is nothing else other than God, His grace and His call for our lives.

“Come to me, all who labor 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.” (Matthew 11:28-30, ESV)

1) God's Covenant Relationship Regulates Our Lives, (vs. 8) *How did you enter into this relationship with God? Rite? Ritual? Call?*

- Though God could legislate our lives, He calls us instead
You shall not DO (Impf) according to all that we are DOING (Act.Part) here today,
- God's relational call requires our submission *Are you willing to surrender without qualifications? What does it say if you aren't?*
everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes,

2) God's Covenant Relationship Provides All The Grace We Need, (vs. 9 - 11a) *How can I live under this call? Grace, alone!*

- God's saving grace brings us into His covenant relationship
 - *Those outside salvation have no rest* *Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?*
for you have not as yet COME (Perf) to the rest
 - *Those outside salvation have no family* *Do feel alone and as if you don't really belong?*
and the inheritance that the LORD your God is GIVING (Act.Part) you
 - *God's grace in salvation bring abundance* *Have you crossed the river?*
But when you GO (Perf) over the Jordan and LIVE (Perf) in the land that the LORD your God is GIVING (Act.Part) you to inherit,

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:10-11, ESV)

- God's sustaining grace keeps us in His covenant relationship *“Being saved” is NOT a onetime event; it is how you live!*
 - *Abundance is rest & safety* *There may be a lot of things that happen to bring peace*
and when he GIVES (Perf) you rest... from all your enemies around... so that you LIVE (Perf) in safety,
“Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? ” (Hosea 13:14, ESV)
 - *Abundance is the grace to fulfill the call*
THEN to the place that the LORD your God will CHOOSE (Impf) , TO MAKE (Inf) his name dwell there, there you shall BRING (Impf) all that I COMMAND (Act.Part) you...

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

3) God's Covenant Relationship Is Just That - A Relationship, (vs. 13 - 14) *How do I know I have this relationship?*

- Are you willing to invest in the relationship? *How can you have a relationship that you don't invest in?*
TAKE (Impv.) care that you do not OFFER (Impf) your burnt offerings at any place that you see,
- Are you willing to do what is ask of you? *Who comes 1st in your relationships?*
but at the place that the LORD will CHOOSE (Impf) in one of your tribes, there you shall OFFER (Impf) your burnt offerings, and there you shall DO (Impf) all that I AM (Act.Part) commanding you.

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you find the grace your weary soul needs.

10. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus In Worship; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 - 19)
11. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)

13. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)