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GOAL

in view

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INTRODUCTION

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Our Father, which art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; in earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us day by day our daily bread and forgive our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

From Striving to Stillness: A Guide to Finding Peace



The Sabbath

Mark 2:27-28 YLT98

[27] And he said to them, 'The sabbath for man was made, not man for the sabbath, [28] so that the son of man is lord also of the sabbath.'

<https://bible.com/bible/821/mrk.2.27-28.YLT98>

Goal in view

This morning, as it is my practice, I came to my quiet space to spend time with the Lord and in the Word of GOD. I did not get deep into my prayer before the Lord started speaking to me. Now, I must make it clear, I pray before I open anything to read. In my prayer I said to the Lord, "*Lord, this day is yours*" and there was an immediate response, "*No, it is yours.*"

I was a little unsettled at first. I know the Voice, but I replied to the Lord, "*Lord, it is not that I doubt You; I doubt me.*" I am not going to share all that was said, but only that which is relevant here. The Lord said that I should look at the verse of the day.

Now, for some this might ring as coincidence, but I am way-past that sentiment in mind already. Practiced by custom, I know better than that. For me it is that quiet assurance that GOD does not change. What was said back then still is true today. The comfort that quiet voice brought again today, that it is needful for man to find his rest. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

That's not all

What is the quiet contemplation of your heart?

Do you come with an expectation to the Lord and what is the nature of expectancy? A list of things you want?

I suppose that would be the definition of expectancy, but I speak of nature to you. You see, I offered up my day to the Lord, and my expectation was to receive instruction from the Lord, yet, He pointed to rest and in a "mic drop way" confirmed it with a verse that is sent out to millions today.

If you think this "article" is about me, you are mistaken. It is about the Nature of Our LORD. He is not distant. He is in all our moments, even those we try to hide from man and GOD. But, if you come with Him in view, you will find Him pleasantly. Leading and guiding, educating and encouraging all that is good.

If you insist on looking at me, you will find a flawed and disappointing character. A man in desperate need of our Saviour. A sinner, saved by grace and it is not just word play, I know the extent of what I have been saved from.

Why suffer loneliness?

You are not alone.

I know the confrontation of guilt and shame and for a long time I blamed everyone else for my loneliness. A father that was distant, a mother that was far, sibling exclusion, double standards... The list goes on and on. But that only excluded me from salvation in a heart of unforgiveness. Oh! And I was miserable and depressed because of it.

Find Rest

Today, as I was reminded of the Sabbath; I invite you to it in Jesus Christ the same way. Don't you know that rest comes when you "let go," leaving all your cares and burdens in His hands? And by that I do not mean you dodge responsibility or neglect duty or stewardship. No. I mean trusting it to the Lord, that He can and will bring you through it all.

You are not alone.

Just like it is for me, GOD is waiting for you in an alike manner. He speaks; we need to learn how to hear. Making still all that is in us, all the worry, set aside by trust in Him. No more concern for survival, because we are kept by Him in every breath. And while breath remains in all in mercy and grace, knowing also that grace is extended and that GOD believes you still stand a chance of reaching a full salvation.

Yeah! Everyone is quick to speak of how we should believe, but who speaks of the Father's expectations, that all be saved and none be lost?

If you find yourself tired, exhausted even... Let it go. Lay it before the Cross and Throne. Do what you can, that is good and in your might, and trust GOD for the rest. His heart is not for condemnation but unto Salvation.

Prayer

LORD, my GOD Almighty, hear my prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on Your children. Bring the Lost Sheep in and show them You are still near. If it be a breeze upon the cheek, a whisper in a silent moment, a shout in noise or a trumpet blast in Heaven, LORD, let them know in a way they can understand for the sake of Your own Name. Receive these that I

bring to you, guide them in Your Light and Truth. Bring them near, LORD, and comfort them at heart so that they can ease their striving.

Nonetheless, Your will be done, for You know best.

Amen

Go in Peace

This moment is before you choose peace. Let it go, cease the striving for things that might not be yours.

Come to the LORD with an expectation of His Will, and that that is goodwill unto mankind. Yes! Also, you.

Find your rest on this day, go in peace.

Selah, Shalom.

