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SOME MUST ENTER HIS REST (HEB. 4: 5-6)

"Entering" is what this new Day is ALL about! Our God is Spirit and He entered into His creation through Christ from the beginning of time and now His creation must enter within Him. In eternity, there is no time, but God created time and ages, to form His own habitation on this beautiful, blue planet we call earth. God created earth and all things pertaining to it, to make Himself, who is spirit, be known in a visible way. God's entire creation is His domain, *"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."* (Ps.24:1). As we are awakened to the reality of the world of Spirit, where God dwells, we are awed and bewildered, yet little by little, we are led to comprehend it. So in the beginning, that is when "time" began, our God and His Son were one unit, but the Son separated Himself from the Father and descended into the earthly creation. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made into the likeness of men." (Phil.2:5-7)*

By His Word, God created all things from the beginning, and He finished His work and rested. Nothing more needs to be created, but so much has to be discovered. From the beginning all things were in "seed form," they had to develop and mature in the earth. They were soon scattered and in need to be reconciled to God, gathered and set into the place where they could find their function and live together in harmony. We need to know that God the Father was never asleep or separated from His creation; He was always in it, through Christ. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us, (His church), the word of reconciliation." (II Cor.5:19)

We read, "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, (when all seeds that He had planted in the beginning are ripe), he, (God the Father), might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him." (Eph.1:10) This verse is often quoted, but the scope of its meaning is perhaps still not fully appreciated. God created all things from the beginning, then He delegated the work to His Son, to bring all things into perfect working order in Himself. So all earthly things, will eventually become one with their creator, and fulfill His purpose to perfection, according to His will.

From the beginning, God has chosen and prepared those who would have a pivotal part in bringing about the changes necessary for their time. Everything and everyone has a purpose in God. When our Lord Jesus had finished His course, and was ready to return to His former place of glory in the Father, He explained His role here on earth, *"Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (Jn.17: 1-4). Here we learn that the work that Jesus had to do was to give life eternal to a people chosen for Him. These were His church, His body. Jesus instructed these few, (120) to*

gather together in an upper room and wait. Soon He imparted eternal life into them; this was the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. In time, through these, God will impart the same Holy Spirit to all flesh. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh..." (Acts 2:17a) It was with these few witnesses, that Jesus began the gathering of His church in the earth, as He told Peter, "On this Rock, I will build my church." The Bible does not lay out God's plan for the eternal work of mercy in the ages to come, but we know that His mercy "endures forever." (Ps.106:1) And we know that "He hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come, he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us, through Jesus Christ." (Eph.2:6-7)

Christ is not only in us, but He is wooing us into HIMSELF. It is us, as Christ, who will show forth His grace through the ages to come, and gather the rest of His creation in Him. The Bible is the witness of His word and works of gathering His church into Christ, for the works in the ages ahead. The church in its immaturity and darkness, has taught that chapter 22 of the book of Revelation is the end of God's dealing with man, when it is indeed, only the beginning. The continuation of the story needs no written manuscript; the book is the Christ who is alive forever more.

Religion is defined as "a set of beliefs and practices." Truth is not religion; truth is life eternal. It may begin as a mental acknowledgment or agreement, but it does not remain that way. Truth has to be made flesh; truth is His life in our spirits and souls. While on earth, Jesus was the Word, or the Truth made flesh. He did not preach truth from books or from mental knowledge; He was the embodiment of that truth. What the Spirit teaches us, and confirms through the Bible, becomes living truth; it is "incarnation or manifestation of Spirit." Jesus was the incarnation or manifestation of the Father. Sons of God are the incarnation or manifestation of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. We may have "religion" and serve humanity, but only the incarnation or manifestation of His life through the Holy Spirit, makes us sons of God. Pure religion is indeed very good; it is man helping his fellow-man, and it is needed and admirable, but only God can produce incarnation, or a change of nature in man. The Pharisees were very religious people, they dealt with man's lives by applying their beliefs, their laws and practices, and it was not all for the good of the people. When we do things for God, we practice what we believe; this is religion and it can be a good thing. Only God changing things in us, imparts eternal life.

The time has come for some "to enter into His rest." We read, "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they, (Israel), could not enter in because of unbelief. (Heb.3:18-19) "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." (Heb.4:1) They entered His rest when they entered the land where they no longer needed to struggle. They only needed to trust and follow Joshua (Jesus). They did not need to plot their battles or worry about defeat, they believed and knew that they were more than conquerors. We enter His rest, when we fully believe God and no longer worry or struggle; we know our God has the winning plan. Our only enemy is our unbelief and our faith overcomes our unbelief. When we enter God's rest, we have perfect faith. We still have the battles and the ups and downs of life, but we never doubt that the battle is the Lord's and it's already done. This is truly a key to life today. Our greatest enemy is not the devil out there; our enemy is simply unbelief. "Let us labour therefore, to enter that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Heb.4:11) Thank you Father for your love and grace toward us all.

Because He is love, Jackie Caporaso