

FROM EGYPT TO THE REST

Hebrews 3:1, 7-12

1 **Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling,** consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, **as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:**

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 **So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)**

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

THE SPIRIT OF EGYPT

❖ Evil Heart (poneros / ponos) - heart of toil, full of labours and hardship. “works”

❖ Isaiah 19:3

The spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; I will destroy the counsel thereof ...

Egypt - World System, Sweat of Brow, Ishmael, Works of the Law, Human Sufficiency

ISRAEL - THE FIRSTBORN SON

❖ Exodus 4:22-23

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, **Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:**

23 And I say unto thee, **Let my son go, that he may serve me:** and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

❖ Exodus 5:1-2

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.**

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

Hebrews 3: 18-19

18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 **So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

❖ DRAWING BACK

Hebrews 10:38-39

38 **Now the just shall live by faith:** but **if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**

39 **We are not of them who draw back unto perdition;** but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

- ❖ Exodus 14:10-12 Pharaoh

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.
- ❖ Exodus 16:3 Hunger

the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.
- ❖ Psalms 78:40-41

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Hebrews 4:1-2

- 1 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.
- 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

❖ THE PROMISE LAND - A TYPE OF GRACE

Deuteronomy 12:9-10

- 9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.
- 10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

- 10 It shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,
- 11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not...

Joshua 24:12-13

- I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and olive-yards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Hebrews 4:3-4, 9-11, 16

3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

9 **There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.**

10 **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, **and find grace to help in time of need.**

❖ Romans 11:6

If by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

29 **Take my yoke upon you**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Galatians 2:20-21

20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21 **I do not frustrate the grace of God:** for if righteousness come by the law (works), then Christ is dead in vain.

1 Peter 5:5-7

5 .. **for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**

6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Genesis 3:17-19

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**

18 **Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;** and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground;** for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Matthew 27:29-30

29 And when they had **platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head**, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and **took the reed, and smote him on the head.**