

### 3. Choose To Do God's Work Rather Than Our Own

Hebrews 4:1,9-11, NIV – “(1) *Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. .... (9) There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; (10) for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. (11) Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.”*

#### a) Choose To Do What The Father Asks You To Do

- To enter into God's rest, we must cease from doing our work, and only do God's work

#### b) Make Every Effort To Avoid The Temptation Of Doing Our Own Good Works

- It is only when we do the Father's work, and cease from doing our own good works, that we can minister from the Father's bosom, which is a place of rest
- Jesus refused to be needs-driven, instead, He was Spirit-led

### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR ENTERING INTO THE LORD'S REST

#### 1. DO NOT:

- a) Do nothing    b) Try to empty your mind    c) Just get away

#### 2. DO:

##### a) Listen to godly inspirational music

1 Samuel 16:23, NIV – “*Whenever the spirit ... came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.*”

##### b) Use vision to move you to the Father

Acts 2:17, NIV – “*In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.'*”

##### c) Take a nature walk

Psalms 19:1, NIV – “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*”

##### d) Meditate on the Character of God

Philippians 4:8, NIV – “(8) *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things.*”

## ENTERING INTO THE LORD'S REST

### # 2 – Living From A Place Of Rest

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### THE FATHER'S BOSOM

John 1:18, NASB – “*No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*”

#### 1. Jesus Fully Revealed The Father

- “Explained” (Greek = exe\_geomai) = “exegesis, to show the way, to explain in detail, to relate fully, to fully reveal”

#### 2. How? – Jesus Lived From The Father's Bosom

#### 3. What Is The Bosom Of The Father?

- “Bosom” (Greek = kolpos) = “bosom, breast, lap, bay”
- The bosom is that place of intimacy, an embedded place, where you can “snuggled up” .... where you can hear & know His heartbeat

#### 4. Jesus Went To Prepare The Father's Bosom For Us!

John 14:2-6, NASB – (2) “*In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am (not “will be”), there you may be also. (4) And you know the way where I am going.” (5) Thomas said to Him, “*Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?*” (6) Jesus said to him, “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.*”*

#### a) We Are The Father's House

- “House” (Greek = oikia) = “a house, a dwelling, household”

Hebrews 3:6, NIV – “... Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house ....”

1 Timothy 3:15, NIV – “... God's household, which is the church of the living God ....”

## b) Jesus Went To Prepare An Abiding Place For Us

- “Dwelling places” (Greek = mone\_) = “an abiding place, an abode, a dwelling place” .... comes from the Greek word “meno\_”, which means to stay, to remain, to abide

John 14:23 – “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode (Greek = mone\_) with him.”

## c) Jesus Went To Prepare A Specific Place Of Ministry For Each One Of Us

- “Prepare” (Greek = hetoimazo) = “to prepare, to make ready, to make arrangements”
- “Place” (Greek = topos) = “a place, a specific area, a locality, an opportunity, a region, an occasion”
- From our abiding place, our place of rest, we would be given a specific region, an opportunity, a sphere of influence and ministry

## d) Jesus Came Back (Through The Outpouring Of The Holy Spirit) To Bring Us Into The Father’s Bosom

- “Receive you to myself”(Greek = paralambano) = “take aside, take to one’s side, to bring very close to”
- “... where I am, there you may be also” - where was Jesus? ... In the bosom of the Father – John 1:18

## e) Jesus Is The Way To The Father’s Bosom

John 14:6, NASB – (6) *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”*

- Jesus said, “I am the way ... to the Father”
- Our predestination is to abide and live and minister from the Father’s bosom

## EVERYTHING MUST COME FROM THE FATHER’S BOSOM

### 1. Jesus Returned To The Fathers Bosom To Send Forth The Holy Spirit From the Father’s Bosom

- John 15:26; 16:27-28, NASB – “(26) When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me, ... (27) for the

*Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father. (28) I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and going to the Father.”*

- “Proceeds from the Father” (Greek = ekporeuo\_) = “to go forth from, come out of, come forth from, to fall out of, to go out from, to proceed from, to set out from”
- “Came forth from the Father” (Greek = exerchomai) = “to go from, come forth from, depart from, went forth from”

2. **Jesus Proceeds From The Father’s Bosom** – John 16:27; John 1:14

3. **Holy Spirit Proceeds From The Father’s Bosom** – John 15:26; Acts 2:33

4. **Life Transforming And Sustaining Truth Proceeds From The Father’s Bosom** – John 6:45; 2 John 1:4; Matthew 4:4

5. **True Liberty Proceeds From The Father’s Bosom** – John 6:65

6. **True Good Works Proceed From The Father’s Bosom** – John 10:32

7. **Every Good And Perfect Gift Proceeds From The Father** – James 1:17

## HOW TO ENTER INTO THE LORD’S REST

Matthew 11:28-29, NASB – “(28) Come to Me [Jesus], *all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.* (29) Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.”

### 1. Come To Jesus

- So we need to “come away” from our busyness, and “come to” abide with Jesus

### 2. Make A Yoke Exchange

- Jesus wants us to take his yoke, not because He needs our help, but because in order to take on His yoke, we’ll have to take off the yoke we put on ourselves