

Lecture No. 34

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. **The Refreshing Rest** .

No. 1.) Today we are going to take a look at the Sabbath being the Seal with which the saints are sealed, and a part of it's relation to the Loud Cry; however, hidden in plain sight is the teaching of the Holy Ghost through the scriptures, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

No. 2.) Genesis 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (3) And **God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work** which God created and made.” In this text we have the Sabbath, the rest, and the reason for that rest.

No. 3.) Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but **the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation;** ye shall do no work therein: **it is the sabbath of the LORD** in all your dwellings.” Now we have work, or rather not working, tied directly to the Sabbath of rest which God gave us in the fourth commandment, this text being another witness to that fact.

No. 4.) Now we are going to read about those of the Jews that could

not enter into that rest. Hebrews 3:6-19 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house **are** we, **if** we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. (7) Wherefore (*as the Holy Ghost saith*, To day 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 alway 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. (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;** (15) While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. (16) For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. (17) **But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? (18) And to whom swore 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.** Our key verse is this last one of the reading, 19, which tells us that the problem was unbelief.

No. 5.) Next we go to Deuteronomy 29: for further instruction.

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet the LORD **hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.**

No. 6.) Isaiah 6:8-10 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (9) **And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.** (10) **Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.**

No. 7.) Matthew 13:9-15 **Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.** (10) And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? (11) **He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** (12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. (13) Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: (15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should

be converted, and I should heal them.

No. 8.) Psalms 95:7-11 For he is our God; and **we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.** To day if ye will hear his voice, (8) Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (9) When your fathers **tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.** (10) Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: (11) **Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.** Canaan was to be their rest.

No. 9.) “The Sabbath is the seal.” 1849 Broadside.

No. 10.) Isaiah 28:1-29 **Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim,** whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of **them that are overcome with wine!** (2) Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one [Jesus Christ], which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. (3) **The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim,** shall be trodden under feet: (4) And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. (5) **In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,** (6) **And for a spirit of**

judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, **and** for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. (7) But they also **have erred** through wine, and through strong drink **are out of the way**; the priest and the prophet **have erred** through strong drink, they **are swallowed up of wine**, they **are out of the way** through strong drink; they **err** in vision, they **stumble** in judgment. (8) For all tables [] **are full of vomit and filthiness**, so that there is no place clean. (9) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that **are** weaned from the milk, **and** drawn from the breasts. [1Cor.3:1-3] (10) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (11) For with **stammering lips** [Isa.33:19, margin “ridiculous”] and **another tongue will he speak to this people.** [1Cor.2:] (12) To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to *rest*; and **this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.** (13) But **the word of the LORD was unto them** precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; [**why?**] that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. [**taken in the strong delusion that they should believe a lie**] (14) Wherefore **hear the word of the LORD**, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. (15) Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (16) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a**

foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (17) Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. (18) And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. (19) From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: *and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.*

No. 11.) 1858 Great Controversy, page 184-186, “I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen. I was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the true Witness to the Laodiceans. It will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver of the testimony, and it will lead to him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. This straight testimony some will not bear. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. p. 184, Para. 3, [1SG]. I saw that the testimony of the true Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs, has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it, will obey it, and be purified. p. 185, Para. 1, [1SG]. Said the angel, List ye! Soon I heard a voice that sounded like many musical instruments, all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It

surpassed any music I had ever heard. It seemed to be so full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, Look ye! My attention was then turned to the company I had seen before, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping, and praying with agony of spirit. I saw that the company of guardian angels around them had doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, firm like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, shone now with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy. p. 185, Para. 2, [1SG]. The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out, and left by the way. The careless and indifferent who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to agonize, persevere, and plead for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their numbers were immediately made up by others taking hold of the truth, and coming into the ranks. Still the evil angels pressed around them, but they could have no power over them. p. 186, Para. 1, [1SG]. I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power. It had effect. I saw those who had been bound; some wives had been bound by their husbands, and some children had been bound by their parents. The honest who had been held or prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold of the truth spoken. All fear of their relatives was gone.

The truth alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and more precious than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth. I asked what had made this great change. *An angel answered, It is the latter rain; the refreshing from the presence of the Lord; the loud cry of the third angel.* p. 186, Para. 2, [1SG].

No. 12.) What have we learned.....

No. 13.) The Sabbath is the Rest of God.

No. 14.) The Sabbath is the Seal of the 144,000.

No. 15.) It is, in part, a Rest from work.

No. 16.) We are invited to enter into that Rest.

No. 17.) There is a close tie between the Sabbath Rest and the Refreshing of the Latter Rain and Loud Cry.

No. 18.) We enter this Rest, in part, by allowing the Holy Ghost to teach us, by following the Bible study plan laid out by God in Isaiah 28; further endorsed by 1Corinthians 2:13.

And that is...

~ The End ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

