

# Even Christ Pleased Not Himself

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*Let us have a self-forgetting ministry, focusing on serving others and Christ, and finding our highest joy in divine love.*

**Scripture:** Job 34:29, Isaiah 45:9, Isaiah 63:14, Matthew 11:28, John 15:5, Philippians 2:13, Colossians 2:16, Hebrews 3:14, Hebrews 4:9-10

**Topics:** "Sabbath Rest", "Christian Freedom"

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## Description

The preacher delves into the concept of Sabbath rest, explaining that it signifies a period of rest for God's people modeled after the traditional Sabbath, but not limited to a specific day. The rest is a fulfillment of believers' perpetual rest in fellowship with the Father and the Son, contrasting the weekly Sabbath under the Law. This rest is not dependent on special days but on faith in Christ's finished work, offering believers constant fellowship with God and freedom from worldly struggles.

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## Transcript

Let this be a day of self-forgetting ministry for Christ and others. Let us not once think of being ministered unto, but rather say with Him: I am among you as he that serveth (Luke 22:27). Let us not drag our burdens through the day but drop all our loads of care and be free to carry His yoke and His burden. Let us make the happy exchange, relinquishing ours and taking His. Let the covenant be: Thou shalt abide for me . . . so will I also be for thee (Hosea 3:3). In such abiding we lose our heaviest load-ourselves-and find our highest joy, divine love, more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Let us do good to all men as we have opportunity.

Let us lose no occasion of blessing, and let us look for ingenious ways of service and usefulness.

Especially let us seek to win others to Christ. The Days of Heaven are busy days, They serve continually. So spent for Thee and Thine, our days, As the Days of Heaven would be.

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