

A Place of Perfect Rest

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David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of entering a place of perfect rest in Christ, free from fear and anxiety.

Scripture: Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 4:1-9

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that there is a place in Christ where believers can find perfect rest, free from anxiety about the future and fear of calamity. He reflects on how Israel's doubt and disobedience prevented them from entering this rest, highlighting that God continues to seek a people who will trust in His faithfulness. Wilkerson urges that this promise of rest is still available today, encouraging believers to let go of fear and embrace the peace that comes from knowing God is in control. He warns that many Christians live in fear due to external circumstances, but true rest in the Lord allows one to endure trials without losing hope. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper faith that leads to a soul at rest, regardless of life's challenges.

Transcript

There exists a place in Christ where there is no anxiety about the future, no fear of calamity, affliction or unemployment. And there is no fear of falling or losing one's soul. This place of total confidence in God's faithfulness is called a place of perfect rest by the writer of Hebrews.

Such perfect rest was offered to Israel, but the people's doubt and unbelief kept them out of God's rest: "Those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience" (Hebrews 4:6). The Israelites lived in constant fear and dread, always waiting for the next crisis to happen. As a result, they were desolated in their trials.

If Israel had entered into God's rest, his work in his people would have been complete. But because they didn't, the Lord continues to search in every generation for a people who will enter: "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (4:9).

God is telling us, "This offer of rest is for you today! There still exists a place in me where all doubt and fear no longer exist, a place where you'll be prepared for whatever may come." Thus, his Word urges, "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1).

Today, multitudes of God's people know nothing of this rest in Christ. As they hear the awful reports of tragedies, calamities, and deaths, they are filled with fear and dread. Their constant prayer is, "Oh, God, please don't take one of my loved ones. I could never handle the grief."

Yet, if you are at rest in the Lord, you won't succumb to such fear. You will not panic or fall apart when you're hit with some unexpected crisis. And you won't lose hope, accusing God of bringing on your troubles. Yes, you will endure pain that is common to every human being but you will be at rest in your soul, because you know God is in control of everything concerning you.

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