

# Some Must Enter in ('Labor to Enter Into That Rest'!for the Word of God Is Quick and Powerful'!')

by Hans R. Waldvogel

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*The sermon emphasizes the necessity of faith and obedience to enter into God's promised rest and the transformative power of His Word.*

**Scripture:** Hebrews 4:6

**Topics:** "Entering God's Rest", "Spiritual Growth"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the necessity of entering into God's rest, as outlined in Hebrews 4, and warns against the dangers of unbelief that led the Israelites to wander in the wilderness. He calls Christians to move beyond mere salvation and to strive for a deeper relationship with Christ, who is our High Priest, and to embrace the transformative power of God's Word. Waldvogel highlights the importance of not being complacent in our spiritual journey, urging believers to seek the fullness of life in Christ and to be vigilant against the distractions and false teachings that can lead them astray.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

Hebrews 4:6-16. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore come boldly unto the

throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Deuteronomy 6:23. And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

Opening:

The call of God through Moses was so definite: "Come out of Egypt, and come in." God never gave up until He had a people that were willing to enter into Canaan. And then these giants and these nations had to be subdued and overcome. And so God finally... Joshua said, "There hath not failed one thing of all that God promised to do." In spite of the fact that here we read, He did not bring them in. That was only the beginning. That was only a prelude. But here is a call that comes from--not from Moses, but from Jesus Christ, and it's just as definite. And it comes to us. That's wonderful! He is going to bring us out--He has brought us out,--and now He must bring us in. And the wonderful thing is that that place where He brings us in is the place where He is Himself, at the right hand of God.

Oh, it's a very definite call, and every Christian has that call: "He has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." And it is a sad thing that we're satisfied to be saved, and maybe to speak in tongues--satisfied to be babies. But when a child is born into this world, it's born with the hope that it'll become a man or a woman, a full-grown human being.

And here, God says in the preceding chapter, "They did not understand My ways. Their heart always erred. They wouldn't have My ways, so I swore in My wrath..." They got stuck in the wilderness: "they were overthrown in the wilderness". And isn't that the thing that's happened to the church today? Overthrown in the wilderness! When you see the discussions that are going on today in church circles, in conventions, you're shocked out of your wits. They're changing the Bible now. Mind you, some of these fundamental churches one-time are now wanting to change the Bible because they say it isn't up-to-date, it isn't modern, it isn't fit for our young people to read.

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Selected Quotes:

"I shall be satisfied" only "when I wake with Thy likeness." It's a sad experience when we're satisfied with our spiritual experience, and yet, how many of us are! "I'm rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." When today you look into Pentecostal publications, you find a lot of boastfulness. Oh, how we love to have people know that we've got something! In our testimonies, often, we like people to know how spiritual we are. We don't know how "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked" we are. Only Jesus Christ is spiritual. Only He is righteous. He alone is holy. He "stands at the door and knocks." He wants to come in and sup with me--to be my life. That's the goal that He set before me. Oh, "that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection"!

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When the rich man woke in hell, he said, "How did I get there? Please, send Lazarus to my five brothers. They're just like I am: they're all deacons, and some of them are preachers, Bible teachers. But they're just as dumb as I was." Why, God said, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them read them." What? Who in the world cares for Moses and the prophets? Oh, listen: "The Gospel was preached to them, but it didn't

profit them," and "they were overthrown in the wilderness." "Let us therefore fear." Oh, I ought to be filled with this fear of God that comes to me by the word of the Lord that makes me tremble--"tremble at His word". Then God will look upon me in mercy.

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We have this blessed New Testament, thank God. It's the word that "God spoke to us by His Son." It's a testament, it's a bequeathment, in which "the unsearchable riches of Christ" are made over to me, if I will have them. And what are these riches? Jesus Christ says, "I am meek and lowly in heart." Oh, if you want His meekness and His lowliness, then you'll come out alright. Paul says, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God." "The meekness and the gentleness of Christ"--he names them.

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Oh, let me sink before my God, and "hearken diligently." And the way to do that is to let Him speak to me through His word. You open the Bible, and you read one sentence, and presently you feel an unction inside. Did that ever happen to you? You close your eyes, you wait a while, and it is like "honey out of the rock." It's like the "oil of joy" within your soul. God writes His word into your heart. He gives you the substance of it: you're changed, you're transformed. We need this Bible study. We need to eat this "bread that comes down from heaven" until we love it, until it creates substance within us. This is the divine seed of the kingdom of which Jesus says it's "the mystery of the kingdom"--the seed of God sown in your hearts and bringing forth that whereunto God sent it.

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Illustrations:

The story of a man who on his deathbed changed his mind and wished for stronger preaching. (from 13:39)

A modern-day false prophet. "The real apostle is not going to advertise himself to be an apostle. He's going to advertise Jesus Christ." (from 16:55)

German at 10:14:

Schwarze Hennen legen weiße Eier. Für die Dummheit gibt es keine Steuer. -- Black hens lay white eggs. There is no tax for stupidity.

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