

The Processed Triune God, His Work, and the Result of His Work

Message 4 - Week 2

Monday

Heb. 4:9-11 – Footnote 9¹

- III. We should keep God's Sabbaths; this signifies that we should know that the work of God was done entirely by Himself that we might enjoy it, and that there is no need for us to do any work—Lev. 26:2a:

Verse 1 says, "You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you raise up for yourselves a graven image or a pillar, nor shall you place a stone figure in your land to bow down to it; for I am Jehovah your God." After listing all these things that His people should not do, logically, one would say to himself, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" but He said, "Don't do anything." Verse 2 says, "You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary." The rest of this message deals with the Sabbath and the sanctuary. Why is God not interested in telling us what to do? Because He has done everything. He is processed and has consummated everything. Regarding judicial redemption, on the cross He said, "It is finished." Regarding the essential aspect as shown in John 20:22, it has been fulfilled. In regards to power to do works of power, in Acts 2 we see that it has also been fulfilled. Regarding us doing anything, for our salvation or even to do His work, there is no need to do anything. This is why we need to keep the Sabbaths.

This is according to the creation of man. Man was created on the sixth day. After man was created, the Bible says that God rested. He didn't rest because He was tired; God is never tired. He rested and the meaning there is that He was refreshed. Why did He rest? Because He was enjoying all that He had created. This must be our situation. In the church life, we must simply enjoy all that God has done and all that He has provided. Even for our sins and our sinful nature, He has provided everything. Don't think that one day you may become absolute. Many times we have heard a brother declaring boldly, "I am for the Lord's recovery. I am absolute for the Lord's recovery!" To such a declaration we say, "Calm down, calm down." He might continue to declare, "But I am for the Lord's recovery. I love His recovery more than the rest." Again we say, "Calm down, calm down." There is only One absolute one! This is why we need Him every morning as typified by the burnt offering, we need to put our hands upon Him. Why? So that we may identify ourselves with Him and have Him identify Himself with us.

As long as we have this fleshly body while we are alive on this earth, forget about the lie which says that you will not sin anymore. This is a lie. This is a danger, especially for us older ones that have been here a long time. We don't go to the casino, don't gamble anymore, nor curse, and we judge matters ethically. We might fall into the error to when we come to have our time with the Lord, "I didn't offend my wife. I attended the meetings. I don't have any problems with the brothers... I don't have anything to repent of." Have you had this experience? Maybe you are more advanced than I am. This kind of attitude shows us that we are in darkness. We need to come to the Lord and ask the Lord to enlighten us. When Brother Lee was about 90 years old, he once said, "What sin can an old man like me commit? Some elderly people are grumpy but most of them are sweet, just sweetly sitting on their chair." He later said, "When I went to the Lord with this, I was enlightened. At that moment, I needed to repent continually about how much I don't live the Lord. The day has twenty-four hours. How many of those hours am I in the divine and mystical realm? If I am not there, then I need to repent. I need to repent for not living a life mingled with the Lord." I might answer quickly, too quickly to my wife or to the saints; or the opposite that I don't answer quickly enough to my wife or the saints. We need to see the light, "You don't say it with your words, but you do say it within your mind." So we need the Lord; we need to do things in Him, in His rest, enjoying the Sabbath. We need to learn this.