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In this chapter we are told of those under the Old Testament, who did not enter the Promised Land because of unbelief. And we are warned in verse 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest we fall after the same example of unbelief. And again in Verse 1 Let us therefore, take heed lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Verse 6 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

We learn from these verses that a rest is promised to the pepple of God And are told to labour to enter that rest, And also we are warned against falling by unbelief.

And labour is necessary to enter. Jn.5,17 Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.--Jn.9,4 I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, for the night cometh when no mann can work. When He was a child of 12 years, His parents found Him in the temple with the doctors both hearing, and asking them questions. His parents had been looking for Him three days. His mother said unto Him, Son why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. He said unto them, Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? Lu.2,41-49. Jn.17.4 Jesus praying to the Father. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work thou gavest me to do,-- In Jn.19,30 AS He was dieing on the cross He said, IT IS FINISHED. What is finished?--The work thou gavest me to do.--Shortly before He ascended, talking to His disciples Lu. 24,44 Dnd He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning m Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise ~~again the third day~~ from the dead the third day: 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Therefore Christ did the work that God required of Him, And He demands that we have work to do, to enter the rest which He has prepared for us.

Mt.16,24 Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me, Mt.7,21 Not every man that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of hea en; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Jas.1,22 Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. 23 For if any man be a hearer, and not a doer of the word, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a glass, For He beholdeth himself and goeth his way, and straight way forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Mt.7,24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built His house upon a rock, And the rains descended and the floods came and beat upon that house and it fell not for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened to a man who built his house on the sand. And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds bleww and beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

I Cor.3,10-11 Paul informs us, According to the Grace of God which is given unto me as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Chris Mt.16,16 Peter had made the Confession, that Thou (Christ) art the, Christ, the son of the living God. Verse 18 And upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, Is.28,16 Therethus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. and Eph.2,20 Informs us that the Ephesians were built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. So according to these scriptures We are to build our faith on Christ the foundation stone. Paul said he had laid the foundation in Corinth, others had built upon that foundation, and cautioned, Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. And in 1Cor.3,9 Paul says For we are labourers together with God, Ye are God's building, ye are God's husbandry.

Mt.9,37 Jesus saith to His disciples; The harvest truely is great, but the labourers are few. 38 Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into the harvest.--Just before He ascended He commanded His disciples. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, : Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and Lo, I am with tou alway, even to the end of the world Mt.28,19,20.

There is work to do, and we must strive lawfully as Paul wrote Timothy, 2 Tim.2,5 And if any man strive for the mastery, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. Turn to Page 2.

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Jas.1,22 Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only---Verse 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of Liberty,and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer,but a doer of the work,this man shall be blessed in his deeds.Again James2-14 tells us,What doth it profit ,my brethren,though a man say he have faith,if he have not works,can faith save him?17 Even so faith,if it hath not works is dead being alone.Read to verse 24 examples of being justified by works,induced by faith,Ye see h then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only.26 For as the body without the spirit is dead,so faith without works is dead also.

To be a doer of the word,it is necessary to know the word,And Paul writing to 2 Tim.2,15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth.1 Tim. 3,15 These things write unto you,hoping to come unto thee shortly,but if I tarry long,thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the church of God,the ground and pillar of the truth We see then that it is necessary to study,It is necessary to Give attention to reading,exhortation and doctrine 1 Tim.4,13.--Also these things teach= and Exhort 1 Tim.6,2 And also 2 Tim2,2 And the things that thou hast heard ~~and~~ of me among many witnesses,the same commit thou to faithful men,who may be able to teach others also.

Eph.6,10Finally my brethren,be strong in the Lord,and in the power of His might.10 Put on the whole armour of God,that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.12 For we wrestle not against flesh and b blood,but against principalities,against powers,against the rulers of the rulers of the darkness of this world.Against spiritual wickedness in in high places.--13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil,-14 Stand therefore, having your loins girth about with truth,and having on the breastplate of righteousness;And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace;16 Above all,taking the shield of faith,wherewith ye shall be able t to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.17And take the helmet of salvation,and the sword of the Spirit ,which is the Word of God:Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit,and watching thereunto, with all perserverence and supplication for all saints,19 And for me,that utterance may be given unto me,that I may open my mouth boldly,to make known the mystery of the Gospel.Then again Paul exhorts 1 Tim.6,12 Fight the good fight of faith,endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

1 Pe.3,15 Peter advisesus to Sanctify the Lord God in your heart,and be ready at all times to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. And we read from James 3,13 Who is a wise man among you,~~let=him=shew~~ and endued with knowledge ~~among you~~? Let him shew out of a good ~~conscience~~ conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

We are to wathh--Try the spirits,whether they be of God.Tit.1,10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers,specially they of the circumcision.11Whose mouths must be stopped,who subvert whole houses,teaching things they ought not,for filthy lucres sake.--2 Cor 11,13 Such are false apostles,deceitful workers,transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also are transformed into ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.--Paul warned the elders at Ephesus Ac.20,28 Take heed unthyself,and to the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,to feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood For I know that after my departing,that grievous wolves shall enter in am among you,not sparing the flock.30 Also of your own selves shall men aris speaking perverse things,to draw away disciples after themselves.Therefore watch and remember,that by the space of three years,I ceased not to warn you night and day,with tears.--Watch.

Gal.4,10 Ye observe days ,and months,and times,and years,11 I am afraid of you ,lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.1 Ths.3,5 For th= this cause when I could no longer forbear,I sent to know your faith,lest by some means the tempter have tempted you,and our labour be in vain.But now when Timotheus came from you you unto us,and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity,and that ye have good remembrance of us always desiring greatly to see us,as we also to see you.--Paul thought that he had laboured with the thessalonians in vain,but was greatly pleased to know that they were still faithful.

The great requirements are to be faithful unto death,that we may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into ~~another~~= the city,If any speak,let him speak as the oracles of God.-- If any man s speak not according to this word,it is because there no light in him.

Let us as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word,that we may grow thereby.And study to shew ourselves approved unto God,workmen who need no be ashamed,RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. J.H.Lackey

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