

"The Rest" & "The Word of God"

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So, let's hear it for the Perfect Will of God, manifesting thorough us, in word and deed, every time, all the time.....YEAH !!!!!

Ok, Ok....I think a lot of us are feeling like a brother who recently bloged this remark.....

"...I have, as a result, felt that somewhere down the line we had lost some critical understanding that needed to be addressed. "

Like so much traditional doctrine, it may be necessary to put aside what we think we know regarding "The Rest" of God. The simplicity of "His Rest" has been leavened down through the years.

Joh 15:4-5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth** in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing.**

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat **manna** in the wilderness, and **are dead.**

Joh 6:50 **This is the bread** which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and **not die.**

Joh 6:51 **I am the living bread** which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and **the bread that I will give is my flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:56 He that **eateth my flesh**, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth** in me, and I in him.

Dwelleth: G3306

A primary verb; to *stay* (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): - **abide**, continue, **dwel**, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), X thine own.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide** with you for ever;

Joh 15:4 **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide** in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide** in me.

Joh 15:6 If a man **abide** not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Joh 15:7 If ye **abide** in me, and my words **abide** in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and

it shall be done unto you.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide** in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and **abide** in his love.

Note that "the Comforter", "the Holy Spirit" would be given us in order that He, the Holy Spirit, may "**abide**" with us forever.

It is not a stretch to say; **to eat of His flesh** (the bread that cometh down from heaven) is the way or method Jesus prescribed in order to **abide** or continue dwelling in Him. John 6:56 (above).

The pros of **abiding** and cons of not abiding are shown above in John 15:4,5 & 7.

There are two major questions that many spiritually frustrated Christians have asked:

How do I consistently enter His rest?

How, then, do I consistently abide in Him?

How do we eat of His flesh? Obviously this is another spiritual metaphor and must be understood by revelation of the Spirit.

Part of the answer comes from Jesus' words in John 15:10; "**If** ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide** in my love;....."

Let's look at "**Manna**" and "**the true living bread**";.....every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, progressively, on a fresh daily basis and like the bread for our natural belly, is to be eaten, spiritually, on a **daily** basis.

"I don't often spend more than half an hour in prayer at one time, but I never go more than half an hour without praying."

Smith Wigglesworth

*Deu 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with **manna**, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

We can not pray in accordance with the will of God without being yoked together or "**abide**" in the Spirit of God in accordance with His will. Not in our known language or any other. Prayer, **in accordance with the will of God** is; "**the word of God**" coming forth through us, by the Holy Spirit. We can not do it alone and He will not do it without us.

The "**Word of God**"; How narrowly we have, often, defined this term! Certainly it encompasses scriptures in the Bible but, there is more. The Bible has several metaphors for "**the word of God**"; Some are commonly referenced, others, not so much.

"**Rain**" as a metaphor for the "**word of God**": is not often taught about. Yet, the "**word of God**" is; **AS** "**the rain**". Rain is necessary in the natural and in fact, it is essential for "**rain**" to come in order to progressively bring forth a harvest sufficient to make "**bread for the eater**". So it is in the Spirit. The "**rain**" of "**Gods word**" will accomplish what He sent it to do.

*Isa 55:10 For **as the rain** cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give **seed to the sower, and bread to the eater**:*

*Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be** that goeth forth **out of my mouth**: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

In the natural, "**Seed**" planted takes time from planting to harvest. Likewise in the Spirit; "Seed" to "bread" is a process...always a process.

"So shall **My word** be that goeth forth out of **MY mouth**". Generally, Christians agree that a current word of God can come forth through the lips or the writings of His humble servants, as the Lord gives them unction. Inclusive but not exclusively, "**Gods Word**" might come as oral or written Prophecy or teaching or public tongues with interpretation or through such a vessel in prayer, in a known language, or prayer in the Spirit in an unknown language. Such a word of God is a co-operative between a Christian and God and will require some amount of "faith" on the part of the flesh and blood vessel intended by God to deliver the message.

However, **anytime** the Spirit of God speaks or writes through His servants, it is still; "**The Word of God**" coming forth. Often for instruction, edification, intercession, or perhaps, warnings or encouragements for others. In a church meeting or over a cup of coffee with a neighbor, "**the Word of God**" can come forth from God's chosen vessel. Metaphorically, from "**His Mouth**" or "**The breath of His lips**", etc..

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself**, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Joh 5:30 **I can of mine own self do nothing**: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, *When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.*

Joh 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye (YOU) can do nothing.*

How can we do less and still expect Him to be glorified in us and rule from within our hearts? He is "the pattern Son" !!

If, we understand that the Spirit of God speaking or writing through a Christian is, in fact, still "The Word of God", and His "servants" can be His mouthpiece, we are well on our way to a clearer understanding of entering and abiding in "His Rest",

When we pray; "In Jesus name" as a tag line to a prayer to God the Father, it is an affirmation that this prayer is a prayer that is presented "as Jesus would pray" and should be fully affirming our confidence that we are praying "in His stead", in full accordance with the will of Jesus, and therefore the Fathers will.

This is the confidence we have that when we know we are praying in accordance with **HIS WILL**, we know that the Father hears us, and if He hears us, we know that we will have those petitions granted. At this point we are dwelling or abiding in Him. Then our thoughts are His thoughts we are in "one accord" with Him.

Ooops.....we should, at this point, understand that unless we have grown, spiritually, to a level of fully mature, manifest sons, we will still need to deal with our inadequacies or lack of maturity in Christ...or in other words; "*our infirmities*", and we will desperately need the Holy Spirit to be our "intercessor" (as in Romans 8:26) in order to abide in Him and communicate in accordance with the will of God every time.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The sword of the Spirit is also another metaphor for; "the Word of God" and can also be..... a weapon of our spiritual warfare. This "*sword*" is not to fight the devil in our outer carnal world. We can see how this sword is to be used in Hebrews chapter 4: (specificly in verses 12-13).

This sword of the Spirit is wielded by Christians who are praying **in accordance with the will of God**, either in a known language, or....allowing the Spirit itself to make intercession for us according to the will of God, in a language we won't understand.

Thus, Christians so equipped and so willing, are wielding the Sword of the Spirit and out of their mouth will come the "**Spirit of His Mouth**" sent by **God the Father**, to do exactly as He has purposed for it to do, every time, in every situation.

The two-edged sword; "**The word of God**". Is described in Hebrews as; "**The word of God**" that is *living* and *active*. This "*sword*", as it were, will enter into the recesses of; **first** our own hearts. It will do God's work of forcing out of His throne room, within us, all of the alien spiritual interlopers who think they can hide there.

Unknowing Christians are frustrated spiritually and have not fully entered "**His Rest**", because they may have become distracted from the true target. Many are unaware of certain spiritual enemies who may be hiding in the dark recesses of their own dark hearts. Distracted and frustrated, many Christians have been trying, in their own ways, with their own understanding, to overcome their spiritual enemies. These are unaware, in part, that the battle and the Kingdom or rule of God is within their own hearts, first. Many Christians have been looking for the "Anti-Christ" to be manifest in the earth somewhere else,.... someday to come, out there in the natural earth. Medical science has known for years, our "flesh" has **six hundred and sixty six skeletal muscles....."666"**. It is essential to **REVEAL** the enemy before he can be "**consumed and destroyed**". We can not do this with our own understanding and our own strength. We must "**abide**" in Him.

This "**Two edged Sword**" is not a carnal weapon but rather a spiritual weapon to slice into the dark recesses of..... our wicked heartsin order for the Spirit of God to work; First, **within us** to divide our soul and spirit, to separate once again as He did at the creation, the **darkness** of our, fleshly, Adamic nature from the **light** of His glory which is to be revealed **IN US**. All this is done down in our "**flesh**" even unto the joints and marrow of the darkest recesses of our hearts.

This is in order to bare us naked in His sight and thereby expose **the darkness within us** to the light or **brightness of His coming**. As darkness is exposed to light, it is consumed.

2 Thessalonians 2: Verses 8 & 9 talkS of; "**that wicked**" and "**the working of satan**". Therefore indicating Satan works through; "**that wicked**" which would be **REVEALED, consumed and destroyed...**

...by the **Spirit of His mouth**

...**and the brightness of His coming.**

A look at the 4 part teaching series on 2 Thessalonians 2; might be helpful.

1. The leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees:

<http://www.thekingdomisathand.net/downloads/2a%20The%20leaven...I.pdf>

2. The Brightness of His Coming:

<http://www.thekingdomisathand.net/downloads/2b%20The%20brightness...II.pdf>

3. The Mystery of Iniquity:

<http://www.thekingdomisathand.net/downloads/2c%20The%20Mystery%20of%20iniquity.pdf>

4. The Mystery of Godliness:

<http://www.thekingdomisathand.net/downloads/2d%20The%20mystery%20of%20Godliness%20IV.pdf>

*Psa 81:8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, **if thou wilt hearken unto me;***

*Psa 81:9 **There shall no strange god be in thee;** neither shalt thou worship any strange god.*

*Psa 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: **open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.***

*Psa 81:11 **But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.***

Psa 81:12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

*Psa 81:13 **Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!***

*Psa 81:14 **I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.***

Psa 81:15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. (Peshita text: ";but they shall tremble forever")

Psa 81:16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

*Eph 6:17-19 (ASV) And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:** with all prayer and supplication **praying at all seasons in the Spirit,** and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, same thing with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.*

*Psa 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: **open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.***

*Heb 4:8-12 For if Joshua had given them **rest**, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. There remaineth therefore **a sabbath rest for the***

people of God. For he that is entered into His rest hath himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(CVE) Isa 28:5 When this time comes, the LORD All-Powerful will be a glorious crown for his people who survive.

Isa 28:6 He will see that justice rules and that his people are able to defend their cities.

Isa 28:7 Priests and prophets stumble because they are drunk. Their minds are too confused to receive God's messages or give honest decisions.

Isa 28:8 Their tables are covered, completely covered, with their stinking vomit.

Isa 28:9 You drunken leaders are like babies! How can you possibly understand or teach the LORD's message?

Isa 28:10 You don't even listen-- all you hear is senseless sound after senseless sound.

Isa 28:11 So, the Lord will speak to his people in strange sounds and foreign languages.

Isa 28:12 He promised you perfect peace and rest, but you refused to listen.

Isa 28:13 Now his message to you will be senseless sound after senseless sound. Then you will fall backwards, injured and trapped.

Isa 28:14 You rulers of Jerusalem do nothing but sneer; now you must listen to what the LORD says.

Isa 28:15 Do you think you have an agreement with death and the world of the dead? Why do you trust in your lies to keep you safe from danger and the mighty flood?

Isa 28:16 And so the LORD says, "I'm laying a firm foundation for the city of Zion. It's a valuable cornerstone proven to be trustworthy; no one who trusts it will ever be disappointed.

Isa 28:17 Justice and fairness will be the measuring lines that help me build." Hailstones and floods will destroy and wash away your shelter of lies.

Isa 28:18 Your agreement with death and the world of the dead will be broken. Then angry, roaring waves will sweep over you.

Isa 28:19 Morning, noon, and night an overwhelming flood will wash you away. The terrible things that happen will teach you this lesson:

Isa 28:20 Your bed is too short, your blanket too skimpy.

Isa 28:21 The LORD will fiercely attack as he did at Mount Perazim and in Gibeon Valley. But this time the LORD will do something surprising, not what you expect.

Isa 28:22 So you had better stop sneering or you will be in worse shape than ever before. I heard the LORD All-Powerful threaten the whole country with destruction.

Isa 28:23 Pay close attention to what I am saying.

Isa 28:24 Farmers don't just plow and break up the ground.

Isa 28:25 When a field is ready, they scatter the seeds of dill and cumin; they plant the seeds of wheat and barley in the proper places.

Isa 28:26 They learn this from their God.

Isa 28:27 After dill and cumin have been harvested, the stalks are pounded, not run over with a wagon.

Isa 28:28 Wheat and barley are pounded, but not beaten to pulp; they are run over with a wagon, but not ground to dust.

Isa 28:29 This wonderful knowledge comes from the LORD All-Powerful, who has such great wisdom.

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