

A MESSAGE OF MERCY

Part 2

Hebrews 4:1-4—Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, ‘ . . . they shall never enter My rest.’ And yet His work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere He has spoken about the seventh day in these words: ‘And on the seventh day God rested from all His work’ [cf.—Genesis 2:1-3].

RSV Genesis 1:31-2:3—And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which He had done in creation.

Exodus 16:27-29—It came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions? See, the Lord has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.’

NJB Deuteronomy 4:2—You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of Yahweh your God just as I lay them down for you.

NJB Ezekiel 20:20—Keep my Sabbaths holy; let them be a sign between me and you, so that people may know that I am Yahweh your God.

NKJ Exodus 20:8-11—Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy . . . the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

NLT Genesis 2:2-3—On the seventh day, having finished His task, God rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when He rested from His work.

Ezekiel 20:12—I also gave them my sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, to show that it was I, the LORD, who made them holy.

Ephesians 2:10—For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
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“God is Love.” —1 John 4:8

*All Scripture References are from the updated New American Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

Ephesians 1:4,5—He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

John 19:30—Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Luke 23:54—It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

Matthew 28:1—Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

Romans 4:5—But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

NIV Hebrews 4:6-11—It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. For if Joshua had given them rest, [cf. Deuteronomy 12:9] God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.

Matthew 25:34—Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

Ephesians 1:4—Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.

NKJ Revelation 13:8—The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

1 Peter 1:20—For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.

Isaiah 40:28—Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired.

NLT/ NRS/ MRD/ NASB Mark 2:27—Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for, on account of, to benefit humankind."

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