

SERMON NOTES

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SOUL REST

Hebrews 4:1-14; Matthew 11:28-30

I. THE PROVISION OF REST

(Hebrews 4:9) So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. *(Matthew 11:28-29)* Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

II. THE LOSS OF REST

(Hebrews 4:1,2,6) Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. ...Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience.

III. THE SOURCE OF REST

(Hebrews 4:3a) For we who have believed enter that rest. *(Hebrews 4:12-14)* For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.