



The Sword

*“And take... the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.”* Ephesians 6:17

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“The Christian’s Rest” *by Leland Reed*

When did God rest? After His work was complete. Gen. 2:2-3 *“on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”*

God speaks through Moses about rest that the Israelites could expect when they entered the promise land in Deut. 12:9-10 *“for ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety”*

God had promised rest to the Israelites and He gave it to them Josh. 21:44 *“And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD de-*

livered all their enemies into their hand.”

The rest for the Israelites was a type of the true rest, not the final or true rest, which is eternal life in heaven. Psa. 95:10-11 *“Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”*

Deut. 12:10 points out who they were, they were the ones that wandered in the wilderness forty years because of unbelief. Heb. 4:6 *“Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief...”*

We in the Christian dispensation look for a rest, we are not in that rest as Paul expresses in Rom. 8:24-25 *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it...”* 1 Cor. 9:10 *“Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt,*

this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope."

The writer of Hebrews address the rest that the Israelites were promised and why some were not permitted to enter. Heb. 3:10-11 *"Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)"* The rest referred to here is in the promise land, the land of Canaan. Heb. 3:17-19 *"But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."*

These Israelites that fell in the wilderness were in the physical family of Israel, just as we are the spiritual family of Israel, the church that Christ built. Gal. 6:16 *"And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."*

Physical Israel was born physically into the family of physical Israel and we being born spiritually into spiritual Israel through baptism. 1 Pe. 1:23 *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."*

As the scripture tells us we are created unto good works Eph. 2:10 *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* That being the case are we in a place of rest or have we work to do for our Lord? Heb. 4:1 *"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise be-*

ing left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

This indicates that we have a promise and that being something we have not attained, and also we could come short. Heb. 4:8 *"For if Jesus [Joshua] had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."*

Why speak of another day if we are in that rest? The writer of Hebrews answers that question. Heb. 4:9 *"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."* This book was written to Hebrew Christians therefore to all Christians. Heb. 4:10 *"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."* Just as God In Gen. 2:2 *"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."*

Heb. 4:11 *"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."* We know he is talking to Hebrew Christians because he says to enter into that rest, future, and not to fall in unbelief as the example he has used which was physical Israel.

Rev.14:13 *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

Who has rest? Those that are physically dead that died in the Lord. That is the only time we are to rest from our labor for the Lord.

NEWS AND NOTES:

OUR PRAYER LIST:

Congregation:

- Loren Cooper is home and recovering from triple heart bypass surgery. There is assign up list for those who wold like to help with food for the Coopers.
- Please remember in your prayers all who have been sick, bereaved or in the hospital recently: Marjorie Alley, Freda Bentley, Lloyd Cooper, Irene Jennings, Jim O'Connor, Wendell Osborne, Alberta Petering, Opal Reed

Friends & Family:

- Melinda Stephenson's brother had surgery to remove a blood clot last week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Oak Grove:

- April 11-14— Gospel Meeting with Marvin Rickett
- Ladies' Class 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 10 AM.
- Personal Evangelism II class each Sunday from 4:45—5:30 PM. Beginning March 21.

Local Area:

- March 5 –Youth Event at Higginsville
- March 20 –Saturday Bible Study Seminar at 39th Street
- March 21-24 –"Home Grown" Gospel Meeting at Blue Springs

Keep Your Sword Sharpened
– Be A Daily Bible Reader!



SERVING ONE ANOTHER:

LEADING IN WORSHIP: *February 7*

Announcements: Walter Hutcherson

Usher: Lowell Smith

Lord's Table: Tim Smith

West: Ryker Shelley —Shane Stevens

East: Peyton Jenkins —Tyler Jenkins

Sunday AM

Song Leader: Darrell Andrews

Opening Prayer: Jeff Gochenaur

Second Prayer: Bob Alley

Scripture Reader: Dean Evatt

Sermon: *Romans 16:1-2*

"A Woman's Contribution To The Church"

Closing Prayer: Tom Dyke

Sunday PM

Song Leader: Roy Smith

Opening Prayer: Vint Hall

Sermon: *Galatians 6:7*
"Epitaphs That God Wrote"

Closing Prayer: Brent Hall

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader: Walter Hutcherson

February 3

Devotional: Jim O'Connor

Closing Prayer: Vint Hall

February 10

Devotional: Leland Reed

Closing Prayer: Dustin Hall

OUR CURRENT RECORDS:

Wednesday: *January 27*

Bible Class 69

Sunday: *January 31*

Bible Class 99

AM Worship 102

PM Worship 85

Contribution \$1,896

Budget \$2,020

*The King James Version is requested for
pulpit, classrooms, & scripture reading.*

Work Program 2008-2009

Team	Leader/s	Next Assignment
1	<i>Jack McNiel</i>	<i>Feb. 7</i>
2	Roger Stephenson	Feb. 14
3	Walter Hutcherson	Feb. 21
4	Vernon Logan	Feb. 28
5	Dustin Hall	Mar. 7
6	Roy Smith Tim Smith	Mar. 14
7	Justin Liljegren Dixon Liljegren	Mar. 21

WHO WE ARE:

The Oak Grove Church of Christ is independent of any denominational organization. We are not associated with any national or world headquarters. Yet, we cooperate voluntarily with our sister congregations in the Lord's work and fellowship.

The church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to *"be perfectly joined together in the same mind and ... judgment..."* (1 Cor. 1:10). We try to follow the basic, innocent faith that was proclaimed on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

If you are earnest about learning more by means of studying the Holy Bible and obeying what it says, you will truly find a home here at Oak Grove Church of Christ.

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– Schedule of Services –

Sunday:

Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – A.M. 10:20; P.M. 6:00

Wednesday: Bible Study – 7:00

Bi-Monthly: *"House to House / Heart to Heart"*

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