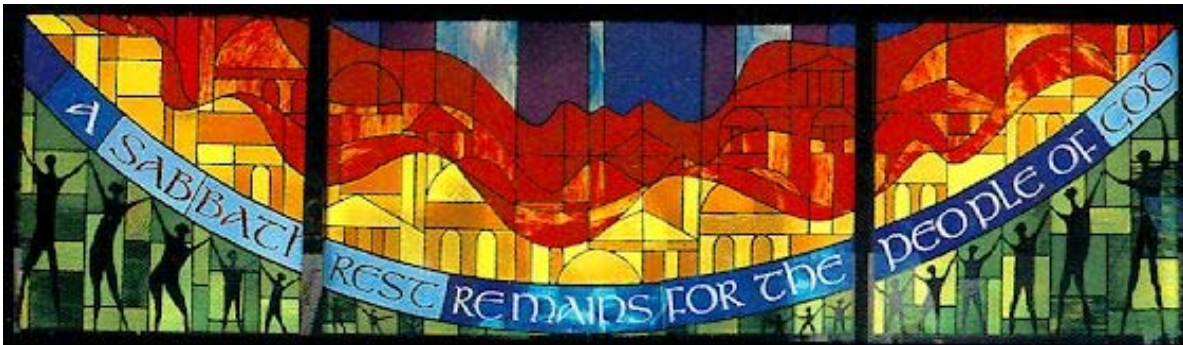


#777 Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – The Council of Laodicea, part 4, Keeping the Sabbath Day holy is entering God’s rest

Key Understanding: *If you obey God and cease from your own works, you will enter God’s Sabbath rest. The ultimate answer as to the meaning of the Sabbath Day is that all Sabbaths were/are a shadow of the rest a believer is to have in and through Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Sabbath Day of rest for the mature believer should be every day, having very little to do with “going to church on Saturday/Sunday,” “not working on Saturday/Sunday,” etc. The Lord’s message in Hebrews 4:1-11 is simple. If you obey God and cease from your own works, you will enter God’s Sabbath rest.*



Here is Hebrews 3:15-19 followed by Hebrews 4:1-11. The NIV is being used for this passage because it reads easier.

Hebrews 3:15-19 (NIV) *As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."*

16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert?

*18 And to whom did God swear that **they would never enter his rest** if not to those who disobeyed?*

19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (NIV) *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.*

2 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.

*3 **Now we who have believed enter that rest**, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.*

*4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "**AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK.**"*

5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

6 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.

7 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."

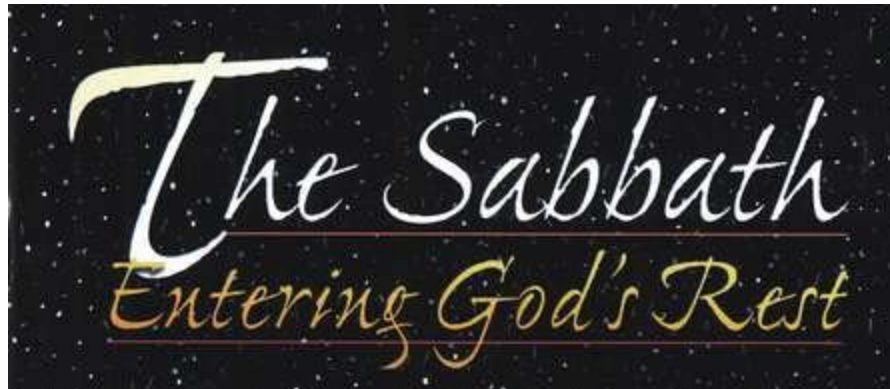
8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

9 **There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;**

10 **for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.**

11 **Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that [Sabbath] rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.**

The Lord's message in Hebrews 4:1-11 is simple. If you obey God and cease from your own works, you will enter God's Sabbath rest.



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