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## TIME, REST & ETERNITY

- Frequency Of Use** The word *rest* is used 275X – 265V KJV. It has application to man resting, animals resting, the Sabbath (as a day of rest), resting the land, and even that God (Gen 2:2) “\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day from all \_\_\_\_\_ which he had made.” Sometimes the word means (a) *remainder* or *something left over* instead of (b) *relaxation; cessation from labor*.
- Temporal Things Age & Wear Out** Nothing physical is immune to the passage of time. This includes physical man and everything in the natural creation. Eventually all temporal things will pass away. The Hebrew writer said: (8:13) “*That which \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is ready to \_\_\_\_\_ away.*” Rest in the natural realm cannot offset aging, debilitation, and finally death.
- Time Belongs In The Temporal Realm** Man’s erstwhile existence is just that – very limited. The generic rule: (Ps 90:10) “*The days of our years are \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_\_.*” Paul admonished (Eph 5:16), “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, because the days are evil.”
- Evil Days** This is when one grows old, becomes enfeebled, and finds that the joys of youth are long passed. (Eccl 12:1) “*Remember now thy Creator in the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_, while the \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have \_\_\_\_\_ in them.*” Physical man is finite meaning there are definite and definable limits to his stay on earth.
- God Is Infinite** (Ps 90:2) “*Even from \_\_\_\_\_ to everlasting, thou art \_\_\_\_\_.*” The immortal spirit of man, sometimes referred to as the soul, was given to him by God and is not bound or limited by time. Man will die (Heb 9:27) and (Eccl 12:7) “*the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ who gave it.*”
- R. I. P.** This is a common inscription countless headstones – **Rest In Peace**. The general idea is that one is “laid to rest” from the labors of life’s struggles. This is true in a purely physical sense. But Jesus spoke (Mt 7:14) of a way that “*leadeth unto \_\_\_\_\_*” and added “*\_\_\_\_\_ there be that \_\_\_\_\_.*” This is eternal rest for God’s faithful. Jesus said few find eternal rest.
- No Rest In (V13)** Jesus pointed to another way “*that leadeth to \_\_\_\_\_*” and said “*\_\_\_\_\_ there be which go in thereat.*” Regardless of what may be inscribed on a tombstone, those who die unfaithful to God (Rev 14:11) have “*no rest \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_*” and (2 Thess 1:9) “*shall be \_\_\_\_\_ with everlasting destruction \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.*”
- While We Are Here** Temporal things have some value but (1 Tim 4:8) “*\_\_\_\_\_*” has “*\_\_\_\_\_ --- of that which is \_\_\_\_\_.*” Solomon: (Prov 30:8-9) “*Give me neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor riches---lest I be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and take the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ in vain.*” If only we put God first in our lives (Eccl 2:24), “*there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ for a man, than that he should \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and that he should make his soul \_\_\_\_\_ good in his \_\_\_\_\_.*”
- Physical Relaxation Is Good** (Eccl 5:12) “*The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ man is sweet.*” One should (Eccl 9:9) “*Live \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ whom thou lovest---and in thy \_\_\_\_\_ which thou takest \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.*” Self-persecution and deprivation are not a Christian traits.

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