

March 1, 2013 Messianic Service
Excavating the Epistles
Excavating the Book of Hebrews, Part 1: Entering the Rest of G-d
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Torah Portion:

Exodus 33:12 – 14 (NIV)

¹²Moses said to the L-RD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The L-RD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Psalm 23:1-3

23 The L-RD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Service Portion:

Entering the Rest of G-d

1) G-d's rest is available to us all (Hebrews4:1, Hebrews 4:8)

⁴ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

2) We enter that rest by faith (Hebrews 4:2 – 4)

² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them,^[a] not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"So I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest,'

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "And G-d rested on the seventh day from all His works";

3) He who enters ceases from his own works (Hebrews 4:10)

¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as G-d did from His.

4) It is the most fruitful place to live (Ephesians 2:10)

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Yeshua for good works, which G-d prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

5) We must make it our goal to enter that rest (Hebrews 4:11)

¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.