

In the Barn!

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Looking for Rest

generation; I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray; they do not know My ways." So I swore in My anger, "They will not enter My rest."

Psalm 95 is the Anglican Psalm. Back in time, before the invention of modern entertainment people use to go to church services twice a day, morning and evening prayer. As part of morning prayer service, Psalm 95 would be read out before the Bible readings, I suspect because of verses 5-7. What interests me is the final verse and God's declaration that Israel would not enter His rest.

Rest is an important Biblical concept, which is present in the very first chapter of the Genesis when it speaks of God's Sabbath. Though our society chooses to ignore the Bible, it continually strives for its goals. Much of the contemporary political discussion focuses around the idea of Sabbath or rest, yet our politicians fail to notice

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep under His care. Today, if you hear His voice:

Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the wilderness where your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they had seen what I did.

For 40 years I was disgusted with that

Church Meeting

8, 9:30, 11am

Every Sunday

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My Spiritual Journey

(Which does not mean everyone's journey is the same)

**by John
Mason**

My first encounter with the character of God was in the Anglican Cathedral in Bathurst where each Friday morning I was the Server as the Rector celebrated Holy Communion. He was a holy man and being with him in the chapel I sensed the holiness of God.

When in the ANZ Bank at Kurrajong and worshipping in the Parish there I was introduced to the extemporary prayer which expanded my life.

From Kurrajong I entered the Theological College at Morpeth in Feb. 1960 for three years. During a period of having difficulties with my studies I was letting God know of my frustration one night in the College Chapel. I sensed God saying to tell Him what I knew of God. I heard my own voice saying Jesus was my Lord and Saviour which I accepted. I felt God telling me with that foundation to persevere with my studies which I did and gained my Diploma in Theology. ThL.

During my time as Rector of Warren, 1968 – 1973, Canon Jim Glenon with Pastor Norman

Armstrong held an Evangelistic and Healing Mission in the Shire Hall at Gilgandra. I attended and sought prayer as I was finding my first parish difficult. Norman Armstrong suggested I needed a refreshing experience of the Holy Spirit. He prayed for me and out tumbled languages I never knew. God through His Spirit had caused me to speak in tongues. This was one of the several ways God has of answering our needs and has been part of my personal prayer life ever since as I praise God.

In Sept. 1979 June and I began a 12 week live course with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) at their headquarters on the big Island of Hawaii. The first week of teaching was on the Fatherhood of God. After this teaching I remember saying to God I never told you I accept you as my Heavenly Father, so I did.

The truth of God as our Heavenly Father was reinforced when contact was made with me by the first two Evangelical Sister of Mary come to Australia over 40 years ago. Their Communities rely entirely on God as their Father to provide all their needs as they tell people about Jesus. I believe I have experienced God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the triune God that He is.

Early in my ministry I became interested in The Order of St. Luke. There was an international ministry restoring healing ministry to the church. I also received the weekly

sermon notes from St. Andrew's Cathedral Wednesday nights Healing Service.

In the mid-seventies June and I came across a ministry of healing past hurts or inner healing. This was for Clergy with their respective wife to minister together. The aim was to help Parishioners overcome past difficulties in their lives that has left them wounded. The essence of this ministry is based on forgiveness as so many hurts can fester because of un-forgiveness in people's lives. It has been rewarding ministry with June by my side to see Parishioners set free from their hurt.

Looking back on the many years I have attempted to base my ministry on John 17:3. *This is eternal life, to know you the only true God and Jesus Christ who you have sent.* An ongoing verse is Eph. 3:19b, *to be filled with all the fullness of God.*

I was looking forward to a ministry as a volunteer Pastoral Care Worker with HammondCare. The virus put an end to this and although they have allowed volunteering to return up to the age of 80, this still excludes me. Perhaps I may not be returning until a vaccine is found. Nevertheless I am never too old to pray and if you have a matter or a difficulty you are going through I would live to help with my prayers so let me know if I can help.

Every Blessing.
John Mason.

that they are talking about rest or sabbath all the time. They use other words to express these ideas, like retirement, happiness, freedom or financial independence, yet they are talking about God's sabbath. Much of the cultural narrative flowing out of all forms of media express a desire for rest or sabbath. Yet it is a rest requiring no sacrifice.

As Christians we know that a rest is coming, a rest guaranteed through the blood Jesus. Though we might be tempted to believe that we can receive a rest in this age, whether that be retirement, financial freedom

a long season in pursuit of favourite hobby, these will only ever be short term and ultimately unfulfilling. Man can not enter God's rest in the new creation except through Jesus' blood. Though we might be tempted to believe that we can achieve long lasting rest in this age, God teaches us to look for the His true rest won for us in Christ. And that rest is worthy of our lives.

In Christ,
Adam.



Find-A-Word

Blood	Financial	Narrative	Sacrifice
Christian	Guaranteed	Reinforce	Saviour
College	Independence	Rest	Tempt
Community	Kurrajong	Retirement	Theology
Experience	Ministry	Sabbath	Ultimate

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PRAYER POINTS



- Give thanks for Sue Waddell and her improved health that she was able to come to church last week. Pray for continual improvement.
- Pray for the series in 2 Corinthians as it continues. Ask for God to shape His people in His character. Give thanks for the sermon this week and the reminder of the spiritual battle we live.