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20 So the LORD said, "I have pardoned them according to your word;

Numbers 14:20-21

21 but indeed, as I live, <u>all the earth</u> will be filled with the glory of the <u>LORD</u>.

We train ourselves for the "big" things by daily obedience in the "small" things.

A lifestyle of worship and testimony sharing trains our hearts to trust in Him.

1 O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Psalm 95

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods,

4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also. 5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you would hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts,

as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,

9 "When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, <u>though they had</u> <u>seen My work</u>.

10 "For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.

11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."

The Promised Land is a return to the simplicity of the Garden, when Adam had work to do, but it was always in an atmosphere of Toil, not work, is the result of sin's curse.

The curse broken in Christ makes us no longer slaves, who work because they have to, but now sons, who work because we get to.

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 4:3-12

4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *dαy*: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5 and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them *failed to enter because of disobedience*,

7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

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

9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Under the New Covenant, everything that was once a "shadow" or "type" of Christ and His Kingdom is now available in reality 24/7/365.

This does not mean we should run ourselves ragged, working for the weekend.

14 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

Matthew 5:14-16

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Jesus said, "LET your light shine..." not "MAKE your light shine.

We were appointed to bear fruit — not strive for it.

That means creating the right conditions in our lives so that we can be what comes naturally to our new nature.

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

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The key to a fruitful new life in Christ is to learn how to walk in the Spirit.