



SUNDAY SERMON

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Peace and Rest on every side

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Key Scripture: 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 (NKJV)

Introduction

We need to be reading the Word of God.

Those who know their God will do great exploits. We get to know Him through his Word.

Challenge - Read the whole Bible or at least read the New Testament. Two chapters per day, 130 days.

2 Chronicles 15:1-15 (NKJV) – Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ² And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. ³ For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; ⁴ but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. ⁵ And in those times, there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶ So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity. ⁷ But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!" ⁸ And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the LORD that was before the vestibule of the LORD. ⁹ Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who dwelt with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. ¹⁰ So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. ¹¹ And they offered to the LORD at that time seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil they had brought. ¹² Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ¹³ and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ¹⁴ Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns. ¹⁵ And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them **REST all around**.

1. I SENSE GOD WANTS TO BLESS US WITH A SEASON OF PEACE AND REST ON EVERY SIDE

We are in a year of rest, but the Lord is stirring that now is the time to declare a season of peace and rest on every side.

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'Say what you see so that you will see what you say'. Bishop Joseph Garlington.

Romans 4:17 (KJV) – “[God] calleth those things which be not as though they were.”

God told Abram that he would be the father of many nations, and Abram came into agreement with this. It became a reality.

We can come into agreement with a season of rest on every side. We can call this into existence.

Many people may have been through a season of hardship, a fierce battle. Father God says that it is His desire to bless us with a special season of peace and rest.

There are several places in the Bible where we read about rest on every side. This is so encouraging. It reflects Gods heart to bless us with times of peace and rest.

The book of Ecclesiastes speaks of different seasons. So, we should also expect seasons of rest and peace.

Joshua 21:43-45 (NKJV) – So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. ⁴⁴ The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴⁵ Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

2. TO ENJOY PEACE AND REST, IDOLS MUST BE REMOVED

Verse 8 – “And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy ... he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land.”

Often when people realize the need to turn back to God, they are challenged to deal with idols in their lives.

Exodus 20:4 (NKJV) – “You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water.”

Idols are not only these strange looking statues. There are modern day idols. Idolatry is when you have a greater desire for something other than God.

Examples:

Pride and ego

Materialism

Celebrity obsession

Sexual desire

Food and gluttony

Colossians 3:5 (NKJV) – “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”



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Fornication is sex outside the covenant of marriage. This is sin. This is idolatry.

If you want peace and rest on every side, you need to destroy idols in your life.

There could be items in your home that need to be destroyed, items of bondage. Anything demonic. They must go.

3. TO ENJOY PEACE AND REST, GOD MUST COME FIRST

Verse 2 – “The LORD is with you while you are with Him.”

The prophet was encouraging the people to stay close to God. God is where He is not where you are. Obedience is the key to staying in step with God. It is so important that we seek the Lord.

Verse 12 – “Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul.”

To all mature believers, don’t become complacent in the things of the Lord. God loves a pursuing heart. You can be more passionate about God in your latter years.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) – “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Asa, the king, restored the altar of the Lord. Some people need to restore the spiritual altar of the Lord in their lives. Times of prayer, times of reading the Word.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) – “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Verse 15 – “And He was found by them.”

God says, “Seek me and you will find Me.”

4. Declare: “LORD, I TRUST YOU FOR PEACE AND REST”

Matthew 18:19 (NKJV) – “If two of you AGREE on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

Verse 15 – “And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them REST all around”.

God gave them the rest. He did it.

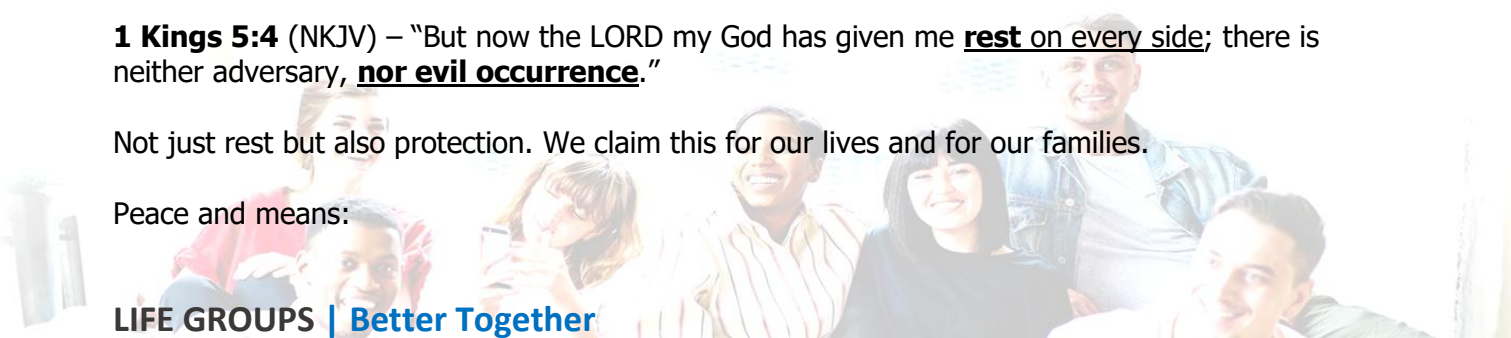
1 Kings 5:4 (NKJV) – “But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary, nor evil occurrence.”

Not just rest but also protection. We claim this for our lives and for our families.

Peace and means:

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Good things will not be withheld
Possessing what is rightfully yours
A time of peacefulness
Your enemies will not be able to stand against you
Relief fro spiritual attack
Protection fro evil occurrences
Being able to move forward and make progress.
Not fighting fires all the time
Enjoying the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.



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