

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Resting in the Lord

TUNE: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA)

Hebrews 4:1-11

G C/G G D G/D G D<sup>7sus</sup>/G C/G G C/G G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Lord and Broth - er, Wis - dom, joy, and life in me.  
2. Great Cre - a - tor, Christ ex - alt - ed, As You rest, Your work com - plete,  
3. Here I find my sat - is - fac - tion, Here is where my heart is home,

G C/G G D G/D G D<sup>7sus</sup>/G C/G G C/G G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

Full - ness of my Fa - ther's pres - ence, Peace and per - fect lib - er - ty;  
So I come and leave my strug - gles, Liv - ing, learn - ing at Your feet,  
Fruit - ful in Your liv - ing Spir - it, Driv - en by Your love a - lone.

G G D<sup>7</sup> G G G D

As You spoke and out of noth - ing Bloomed Your love's a - bun - dant wealth,  
Free to rest and free to list - en, Know - ing that Your love will speak.  
Let me share Your end - less Sab - bath, Ho - ly, Lord, in all I do,

G C/G G D G/D G D<sup>7sus</sup>/G C/G G C/G G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

So You spoke and filled my dark - ness With the beau - ty of Your - self.  
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ev - er pres - ent, You are all I need and seek.  
In my work - ing, in my wait - ing, Rest - ing in and un - to You.

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HOLY MANNA  
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TOPICS: Holiness; Living in Christ; Peace in Christ; God's Presence

LEAD-IN: *There remains... a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.*  
(Hebrews 4:9-11, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **I Can Live in Christ**

*Not that I . . . have already been made perfect . . . but one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:12-14, NIV)

I look forward to all that Christ is going to do for us. Imagine being perfect physically like He is, sharing His glory. Imagine being in constant touch with Him, responding fully to His presence. Imagine being one with Him and complete in Him, holy and loving as He is.

The more we realize our own weaknesses, the more wonderful these promises become. We will live in Him forever.

But here's a possibility that's even more exciting: I can live in Christ right now. I can live in His Spirit here, today, in this moment. When I look long-term, all I see are my inconsistencies and weaknesses. But right now I can live in Him.

I'm not saying I can live a perfect life by any means, even for an hour. But right now I can remember that He is here with me. I can breathe prayer to Him and foster that openness to Him that is the key to spiritual growth.

This moment I can turn to Him with my concerns. I can depend on Him and know His peace.

This moment I can find joy in Him, no matter what has happened or will happen.

This moment I can endure temptation and difficulty as I trust Him, knowing I will come through them stronger and closer to Him.

This moment I can be truly loving in Him.

Don't think about how impossible it is for you to be all Christ wants you to be for the rest of your life. Look to Him this moment. Live in His presence now. You know what He can do when You trust Him--you've experienced it. Trust Him now. Be glad in Him in the present moment. Tell Him how you feel about Him.

Oneness with Christ is not a someday blessing. He does not put it off until tomorrow. We put it off. His Spirit is always with us, always in us, always eager for fellowship. Enjoy Him. Enjoy Him now.

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