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1. The Weekly Sabbath Rest  
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2. The rest of Canaan, the promised land to the slaves of Egypt  
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3. The present rest in Christ Jesus  
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- (1) Rest from controversy with God
- (2) Rest from work designed to secure, assure, salvation
- (3) Rest from anxiety about the future
- (4) Rest in sorrow, bereavement

4. The rest that remains for the people of God  
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Here, in that weary world, the trials of the Christian  
there, the home with God



### JESUS WHO?

What's in a name? The question is rhetorical. It implies its own answer. The answer is supposed to be: There is nothing in a name.

But there is. "Jesus" means "Jehovah is salvation." "Joshua" means the same thing. If Jehovah God really is our salvation, and if the name of Jesus is "above every name," then there is after all something in a name, don't you think?

Jesus was not an uncommon name in Biblical days, being the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Joshua. To this very day, especially among Latin peoples, parents name their children "Jesus." This may seem like something of a sacrilege to us. Suppose that you are conversing with someone about serious matters. At a point in the discussion, you find it natural to insert a quotation from Jesus. Somewhat puzzled, your companion inquires: "Jesus who?" In an environment where everybody is being named "Jesus," such an inquiry is not irreverent at all.

This is the very question which emerges in Hebrews 4:8: "For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day" (King James Version). Jesus who? Or, if you prefer, Jesus or Joshua? The implication, of such a translation, of course, is that Jesus did not bestow rest. But he did. And the context shows that the author of Hebrews thought so too. As a matter of fact, the point has no little significance in the development of

the writer's argument in this section of his book.

More recent translators recognized the errors of their predecessors. Hence, they have rendered the name not Jesus but Joshua. And this helps the whole passage to make sense. The point of the writer's argument is that Jesus offers a rest that is superior to that provided by Joshua. The latter provided rest in the promised land, but the former bestows spiritual rest which is eternal.

What's in a name? Jesus or Joshua? They mean the same thing. But one looks back to the law, the other to grace. It made a great deal of difference which the Jews would choose to follow. And the same may be said for us all.



TEXT: Lev. 4 <sup>9</sup> "Thou remainest therefore a rest  
for the people of God."

SUBJECT: Rest for the People of God.



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2. The curse of the man - his need of a day of rest.
3. This day of rest for the people of God: those who violate it. tired people.  
work of world can be done in six days.  
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1. The weary slaves in Egypt - the wandering tribes in wilderness.  
Their home - flowing with milk and honey.
2. Our home, in our land, peaceful, prosperous: God hath given us -
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entering into God's rest. V. 7, 8  
so we - our lack.

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#### V. 3 The Present Rest in Christ Jesus.

1. Rest from our sin.  
(a) Benjamin's Christian, burden.  
"It is well with my soul..." "my sin, at the sting of this glorious thought..."  
It is well with my soul.
  2. Rest from anxiety, worry.  
(a) Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there."
  3. Rest is sorrow and penance must.  
"Come unto me..."  
(a) The four marshes in night. (b) Pray, your family - why they burst into tears, <sup>sing church</sup> →
  4. Rest from dread of death.  
(a) Uncle Billie. (b) "I'll sing before I go."
- Our rest goes beyond this.

#### V. 9 The Rest that Remains for the People of God.

1. Our bodies - organs, age, infirmities, disease.  
(a) The blind Seminary boy singing "face to face"  
(b) Paul, "we shall all be changed..." (c) Mrs. Pratt  
(d) John, "we shall be like him..."
2. Our spirits - sore tried, hurt by sin, failing, stumbling at Satan.
3. Our labors - piling up here  
(a) Mrs. Rogers, Grandmother White. Rev. 14:13; Gal 1:16, 15  
Oh yes, Lord God, this line children, Mary.



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Rising now to see man, death, cancer on his head, I held family  
 margin. Rising from my knees, they went into tears, for mother  
 crying it, for the father going to the window, the daughter - in-law  
 dead father. Late by night, for the father, for the daughter. The  
 only comfort I could offer - that Jesus bears our burden, which one more  
 than we can bear. "Come unto me, all ye..."

Sometimes on the mountains, when the sun shines so bright  
 God leads...

Sometimes in the valley, when the darkest of night  
 God leads...

Though trials befall us and Satan oppose  
 God leads...

These great we shall conquer, ~~defeat~~ <sup>defeat</sup> all our foes.  
 God leads...

Some there the waters, some there the flood  
 Some there the fire, but all there the blood,

Some there great sorrows, but God gives a song  
 In the night season, and all the day long,

Mt. Wash  
 4/34

Oakland  
 4/34

Northam  
 3/36

III · 4:3 The present rest is Jesus Christ

The reason of faith is Christ; cessation from our own works to it alone.

Begin in this way, here on earth. not made perfect but starts here. <sup>we do not enter & begin here & end it</sup>

sternly. Same kind - more perfect in degree. must begin here, for conditional upon faith - unbelief fruit of it.

"But" evidently not a state of isolation. The author who writes it himself far from being isolated, as well as those to whom he spoke - yet says "we ... not rest of righteousness. in works, but in God, through faith in Christ."

1. Rest from controversy with the  
of Israel "rested" & when freed from their enemies,  
cessation from struggle. war. So those who enter into this  
rest cease from this warfare with the world, struggle  
against the world. no longer oppose - it was... but  
at peace.

2. Rest, cessation, from works designed to secure  
assurance, salvation. <sup>the slavery of fear - if not do this,</sup>  
rest, no demands. if fail to do this, that, assured.  
Ceasing to work for ourselves that is <sup>work for God.</sup>  
not to be saved, but for God. <sup>no longer constraint</sup>  
of fear, giving out no more religious of the day, need,  
work, war. <sup>f. Jesus, showing the danger of this religion,</sup>  
when feel without strength, give up the struggle, then see  
the insignificance of the gospel. Helpless, undone, looks to X. As  
long as feel can save himself, no need of X. But when reaches  
end of the way, then <sup>salvation by faith, gift.</sup> X is  
no longer, righteousness, sanctification, religion.  
all we need is X. Cease from works - throw himself upon X.  
of a love the child loved. not stay for bread - no  
necessaries, anything. <sup>bread for.</sup> What do, out, love  
for parents.



3. Rest from worry, anxiety about the course, destiny  
 3. our lives.  
 3. yield of our wills, desires, powers, no perfectly  
 to his control, hereafter all our desires, wants, etc.  
 6. Give a man to do a work, I do it - not another hand.  
 6. I had (as this for money)  
 7. Paul, so completely yielded to I in 15:10-12.  
 6. Matt 16:19

4. Rest in sorrow, bereavement  
 Mt 11:32  
 1 Peter 5:7  
 (a) Our neighbor, from Marshall's wife: child, not to be born.

5. Rest from dread of death.  
 no dread, dissolution, no fear, calm & shroud.  
 will give us days from when hours come.  
 the world may rock, tonight away it rolls & cracks, but about  
 the dividing wall, above the perpetual revolution, the stars, it stands  
 the same, immovable.  
 (a) Rest, then - the storm on the sea, the bird in the cage, sound asleep  
 (b) Rest - asleep, to be wakened not by.

#### IV 4:9 The rest that remains for the people, etc.

1. Her, the trials, the rest  
 Subject to death, fear. Though the long are changed,  
 as much afraid as I have. Will suffer, Valley of Humiliation.  
 Perpetual attack from Satan's darts, arrows. Warfare  
 through seas & clouds.  
 Aching head, body & suffering, painful body, no rest  
 with future, disease, afflicted from birth, into future  
 broken & heart's grief.

Then, no weary heart  
 a pained arm  
 a brow furrowed with age  
 but limbs, faculties renewed, old age renewed  
 with youth, perpetual - infinitely / blessed life behind  
 without weariness, anguish.  
 (a) That day, when we shall see, says 'Rest for'



2. Here, bid adieu to all that is fair, lovely & mortal  
 faint flowers fade  
 sweetest eyes filled with tears  
 sweetest birds must die, melody soon hushed  
 flowings of bliss have it  
 earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes

Then, now we hear the toll of the funeral bell  
 no more dawns in streets & yet  
 no more sun in morning light  
 no more on hillsides (yet)  
 empty in mortal - large unrent  
 eye undimmed - wide unparted  
 debt unwavering - happy, happy day  
 mortal shall have part of mortal

3. Here, look, see the midnight <sup>Heaven in distance</sup>  
 town, in the midst of the <sup>blooms & splendor</sup>  
 there, listen to the whisperings of <sup>Heaven's melody</sup>  
 there, entrance, grand vistas of the <sup>glorious</sup>  
 there, in <sup>voluntary</sup> <sup>dallied</sup> <sup>the spirit</sup>  
 here, look over the ridge see the flowers - they, pale  
 there, walk between the beds, bliss  
 there, a taste  
 there, the morning suppers of the dawn.

Can't mean - astounded - blinded with  
 what! these streets as <sup>pearls</sup>  
 wally <sup>pearls</sup>  
 in air? in white? the inner man?  
 of program blood that washed in dawn  
 faith <sup>set me free</sup>  
 spirit <sup>led me to believe</sup>

wonder, wonder  
 (wonder) <sup>bliss</sup>  
 miracle, miracle  
 say of new fables  
 they <sup>die</sup>