

Resting in God  
"To be only at home where He is"

Study 25

*1 Corinthians 2:12 (New International Version)*

*We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

The spirit of the world is a spirit of independence from God. It chooses to do only its own thing without regard of the wishes of God. Anyone living in the spirit of the world chooses to ignore God's perspective. They choose their personal ways for personal reasons, above God's ways. His plans and desires have no part in the decisions or plans they make.

When a person chooses to live in the ways of the world, although they feel that they are their own person, free from the authority of God, they, in reality are subject to every authority of the lower kingdoms. They are really helpless subjects of both of the lower kingdoms with no power to overcome any commands that these kingdoms demand of them. In their perceived freedom, they are in total bondage. They are on a path that is vulnerable to dark authorities each day of their lives; a path that eventually leads to eternal separation from the God they chose not to serve in their lifetime.

Choosing God's final frontier; choosing to live in Christ with Him in His kingdom, is choosing the path to a significant life, a life of walking in the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit each moment. It is a place that is much bigger than our desires and needs. With the moment by moment submission to the counsel of God, we can know where we are supposed to be, when we are supposed to be there, why it is best to be at that place in that time and the power to overcome all challenges. Because of Jesus, all situations and circumstances we face take on an eternal impact. We can live where God lives, and He, in turn, places Himself wherever we are called to be.

Choosing to seek only the counsel of God, destroys any hold the lower kingdoms have on us. It also places us in position to be part of His unlimited perspective on all things. Because we have the probability of being where He intends for us to be, He is free to use us to flow in His kingdom power. We become part of the signs, wonders, and miracles He may desire to use to display the wonder of the cross of Jesus Christ and advance His kingdom on earth.

Although God will always meet us where we are, the absolute authority of the kingdom of heaven over the lower kingdoms comes into effect when we are where the Lord intends for us to be. Guided by the Holy Spirit because we have sought the will of God, we as followers of Jesus Christ have the privilege of dwelling in the wonder of God's residence, with Him, open to us. We have been given the astounding opportunity of traveling in the unlimited realm of His perfect will far above the demands and bondages of the lower kingdoms. Living in the wealth of God, flowing with His heart through His Holy Spirit power, subject only to His unbeatable spiritual dimensions, we are untouchable by any demand of the lower kingdoms.

*Matthew 11:12 (New International Version) From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.*

The priority of our Christian walk is to transfer our allegiances from the carnal to the spiritual. We are to cease from having any hope in our flesh. In the same way we are called to understand that our only real help can come from God, not in our own ability to accomplish anything.

When we give God His proper place of honor and power, He will make every needed change in us. He will do whatever is necessary to make us more like Jesus and advance His kingdom in us and through us.

Our submission to Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit causes untold havoc in the order of the lower kingdoms. They lose the power of their strongholds. Their ability to control is destroyed. Their authority is vaporized.

Begin this day to transfer every allegiance in your life. Have the Lord show you who or what you really serve. Ask Him to give you the power to be able to serve only Him and His Word in every area of your life. Submit to the complete Lordship of Jesus Christ over everything that serves other gods. Make Him your only God.

*Hebrews 4:9-10 (New International Version) There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10) for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.*

As a child of God you have been invited to sit quietly in His presence so that He can impart His wondrous life to you. Most Christians fail to realize that ceasing from our work allows God to begin His work in us and through us. On His lap, in His quiet presence, He delights to show us more of Who He is, how much He loves us, and what His plans for us are. There is no other way to really find His heart.

Those of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus need more of God, not more of things or more answers. Knowing Him, living near Him, listening to Him, receiving His wealth from Him directly, answers every need we will ever have. Carnal requests fall pale in the light of His presence. Fears diminish when He reveals Himself to us. Challenges are seen in their smallness next to His great power.

Resting on God, quietly waiting in His presence or when we are about our business is our privilege as His children. He delights to be involved in every aspect of our lives. He has reserved the right to take care of us and provide for our every need.

Any lack we have comes when we limit our time with God. Separation from Him moves us closer to the lower kingdoms with their demands and fears. Resting in His presence, we become untouchable. Quietly waiting there, we become more like Jesus.

For thought or discussion:

In who's company are you most comfortable

Where is God in that mix