

The Leading of God's Presence

Resting In His Presence

Ezekiel 34:14-16/ Jer 6:16



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- RECAP
- Major function of God's Presence is to **LEAD/GUIDE US**

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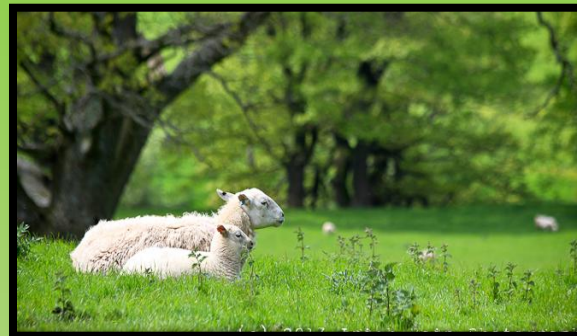


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- **Define Path:**

- In Hebrew literature **paths** are a common image for “*ways of life*”.

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I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.

Isa 42:16

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**God desires to Lead His
People/sheep to a Place of Rest**

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- **REST:** In scripture this term usually points to a “Sabbatical Rest”
- **To cease from labor**

- **It also implies:**
 - *Rest from our own physical labor/stress*
 - *Rest from human struggle/effort*
 - *Rest from bondage/sin*
 - *Rest from strife/inner conflict*

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- **THIS TYPE OF REST ADDS A COMPONENT OF REFLECTION**
- **We are normally reminded to reflect on where God has bought us through in order to be in this state of REST**

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In order to **GAIN** the **REST OFFERED** by God we must meet **TWO REQUIREMENTS**

1.FAITH – I have **complete confidence** in the way you desire to lead me

2.OBEDIENCE – I will **submit** to the plans and prescriptions that you have ordained for me/life

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Two Types of Believers

1. The Unbelieving & Disobedient – An Attitude of Rebellion

- *They Will not enter into His rest*

2. The Believing & Obedient – An Attitude of Submission

- *They have the hope and promise of entering into an eternal and present rest*

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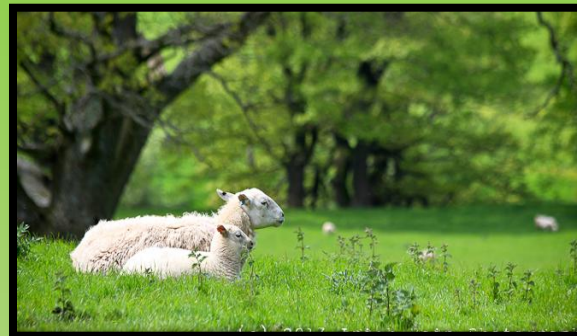
- *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”*
- Ps 95:7-11

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- *¹ God's promise that we may enter his place of rest still stands. We are afraid that some of you think you won't enter his place of rest.
² We have heard the same Good News that your ancestors heard. But the message didn't help those who heard it in the past because they didn't believe.³ We who believe are entering that place of rest. Heb 4:1-3 (GW)*

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God wants to lead us on the paths that lead to REST

- *This is what the LORD says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find **rest** for your souls. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'" Jer 6:16 (NLT)*

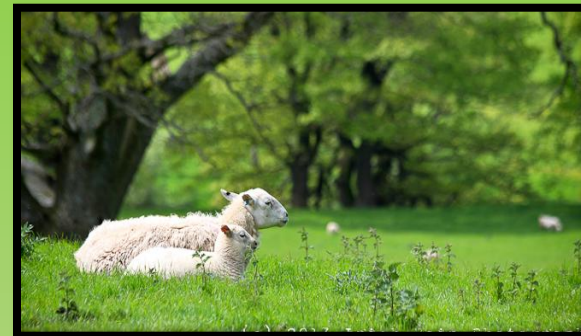
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Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT):

- 1. Crossroads:** Place of decision
- 2. Look Around/see:** The word can mean as “seeing only what is obvious”
- 3. Godly/good:** agreeable to the senses:
agreeable to the sight

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How to obtain rest?

- The presence of God (through Christ) along with His Word will keep us on the paths leading to rest
- *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*
Ps 119:105
- *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls.* Matt 11:29

Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Matt 11:29 (MSG)