

SINGLE ALLIANCE

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WHEN HEAVEN INVADES EARTH- “THE KINGDOM WORKS”

I. Introduction

- A. Last week we talked about kingdom guidance
- B. This week we will talk about Kingdom work
- C. We must learn the kingdom principle- Work from Rest

II. Work from Rest

A. This principle is seen in creation- **Gen. 1:5**- Night comes first and then the day. Man rests in the evening and works during the day. It starts with rest!

B. **Gen 1:27** So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **Gen 2:3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 2:15 *And Jehovah God taketh the man, and causeth him to rest in the garden of Eden, to serve it, and to keep it.*

C. Before Adam worked he rested the first day of his existence with God!

D. Noah's name means rest- God's work was done through rest

E. (Psa 132:8) Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

F. Jesus rested for thirty years and labored for three. Jesus did not do miracles until He was endued from on High. His first miracle was in Cana of Galilee.

G. Ephesians 2:8-9- Grace is God working for you. Grace empowers to do good works

H. Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Rest is a gift. Grace empowers to work

Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Mat 11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

I. Jesus said to cease from your labors and rest in Him, then take up His yoke to work with His strength!

J. Luke 10:38-42- Martha worked hard by became frazzled, Mary rested at Jesus feet and listened to His word

K. Jesus was not telling us that we should not work, but that kingdom work comes from rest

L. Mark 14:3-9- Mary did a good work that endured! She anointed Jesus for burial because she had heard and believed what Jesus said. Jesus said it was a good work and that it would endure for all time!

L. A believers work is called fruit. This is because of the principle of work from rest.

1. Joh 15:2 Fruit, more fruit
2. Joh 15:5 Much fruit
3. John 15:16- Fruit remains

III. Divine Rest that produces fruit

- A. Sitting at the Lord's feet- [Isaiah 30:15](#), [Isaiah 40:31](#),
- B. Praying in the Spirit- [Isaiah 28:11-12](#)- This is the rest!
- C. Labor to enter into rest- [Heb 4:11](#)
- D. The order in the world is work and then retire. The kingdom order is retire and then work!
- E. Tests for if you are not working from rest
 - 1. You lack the fruit of the Spirit
 - 2. You are frustrated
 - 3. You are exhausted all the time