

## **The "Rest" of the Story - "I'll Rest in Your Endless Grace"**

### **A Holy Space and a Holy Time**

The Book of Exodus connects the sabbath with the tabernacle (Exodus 25-40).

- The tabernacle was a holy space for God to dwell with his people
- The sabbath is a holy time for God to dwell with his people.
- "You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD" (Leviticus 26:2).

### **The Rest of the Sabbath**

Genesis 2:2-4 God rested on the seventh day, blessed it, and made it holy. But God doesn't need to rest (Isaiah 40:28)! So who was the sabbath made for? Man (Mark 2:27)!

- In Genesis 1:26-28 God created humanity.
- In Genesis 2:2-4 God blessed the seventh day as holy time to dwell with his people.

This "rest" included:

- God's presence (Genesis 3:8).
- The good life (Genesis 2:7-9a).
- Joyful service (Genesis 2:15; cf. the language for Levites in Numbers 3:7; and Psalm 92).

### **The Rest of the Promised Land**

"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14).

This "rest" included:

- God's presence (Deuteronomy 12:11).
- The good life (Deuteronomy 8:7-10).
- Joyful service (Deuteronomy 12:7).

### **The Rest of Christ**

"I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Jesus illustrated this rest by performing miracles on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17), displaying:

- God's presence (Luke 13:15).
- The good life (Luke 13:13).
- Joyful service (Luke 13:17).

### **The Rest of Heaven**

"There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9).

It will be the ultimate in:

- God's presence (Revelation 21:3).
- The good life (Revelation 21:4; 22:1-2).
- Joyful service (Revelation 22:3-5).