

Hebrews 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Analysis

Entering God's rest involves ceasing from one's own works just as God rested from His. This pictures the cessation from works-righteousness and self-effort for salvation. Christ completed the work of redemption; we rest in His finished work. The parallel between God's creative rest and the believer's redemptive rest is profound—both celebrate completed work.

Historical Context

This challenges both Jewish works-righteousness and any form of salvation by human effort. True rest comes from trusting Christ's completed work rather than our own achievements.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What works are you still trying to do to earn or maintain God's favor?
2. How can you more fully rest in Christ's finished work today?

Interlinear Text

ο γὰρ εἰσελθὼν εἰς τὴν κατάπαυσιν αὐτοῦ καὶ
G3588 For he that is entered into G3588 rest he also
G1063 G1525 G1519 G2663 G846 G2532

αὐτοῦ κατέπαυσεν ἀπὸ τῶν ἔργων αὐτοῦ ὥσπερ
he hath ceased did from works he as
G846 G2664 G575 G3588 G2041 G846 G5618

ἀπὸ τῶν ιδίων ὁ θεός
did from his God
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 14:13 (Parallel theme): And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Hebrews 10:12 (References God): But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 1:3 (Parallel theme): Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 19:30 (Parallel theme): When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.