

# Hebrews 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

## Analysis

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'Sabbatismos' (sabbath rest) appears only here in the NT, indicating a distinct, future rest beyond the weekly sabbath. This rest remains 'for the people of God,' emphasizing both its certainty and its specific recipients. The verb 'remaineth' (Greek 'apoleipetai') indicates something left over or reserved, pointing to eschatological fulfillment in the eternal state.

## Historical Context

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Jewish sabbath observance pointed to this ultimate rest. The author shows the weekly sabbath was a shadow of the reality found in Christ and perfected in glory.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the promise of future rest encourage you in present labor and suffering?
2. What does it mean to you personally that God has reserved a rest for His people?

## Interlinear Text

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ἄρα	ἀπολείπεται	σαββατισμὸς	τῷ	λαῷ	τοῦ	θεοῦ
therefore	There remaineth	a rest	G3588	to the people	G3588	of God
G686	G620	G4520		G2992		G2316

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 2:10** (References God): Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**Revelation 21:4** (References God): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Hebrews 4:3** (Parallel theme): For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

**Hebrews 4:1** (Parallel theme): Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.