

Continuing “The Complete Green Letters”

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Chapter 52, The Rest of **Reckoning** - Pg 232-235

Intro:

I. Pressing on to Maturity – Phil 3:12-14; Heb 6:1

A. God’s Design

1. Make a new Person.

a. New Entity through salvation – 2 Co 5:17; Eph 4:24; 1 Jo 3:9

b. New Identity through union with Christ – Ro 6:1-11

2. Develop that New Person to be and look like Christ – Ro 8:29

a. The Process of Sanctification

b. A Work of God

B. God’s Methodology – A Synergy

1. Trials – Ro 5:1-5; Jas 1:1-27

2. Need Seen – Ro 7:15-25

3. Transform by the renewing of one’s mind – Ro 12:2; Eph 4:23; Col 3:10

4. The Conforming of the outward man to the inward man

a. The put off /put on dynamic – Eph 4:22-24

b. Done through the power of the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead – Ro 8:13

II. Entering the Rest – Heb 3:6-4:16

A. Listening to the Holy Spirit’s lead – vs 7

1. If you hear -

2. Do not harden your heart!

a. *skleruno* - to indurate (to make hard, callous), render stubborn, harden.

b. Deals with unbelief

i. Worry - Mt 6:30; Lk 12:28

ii. Looking at circumstances – Mt 8:26; 14:31

iii. Leaning on Human Reason – Mt 16:8

iv. Unbelief - Ac 19:8-9

3. Examples given

a. 40 years in the wilderness – Heb 3:9-11

b. Unbelief

i. Didn’t believe God – vs 12a

ii. Departed from the Living God – vs 12b

B. Believe God’s Word –

1. What does God say about Himself?

2. What does God say about His Redemption and Its purpose?

3. What does God say about You?
 - a. Your inability to do what you are called.
 - b. Your need for Him in everything
 - c. Your Need for Others – vs 13
 - d. The tendency of your heart
 - i. The deceitfulness of Sin – vs 14
 - ii. The rebellious twist – vs 15
4. What God says about the consequences of unbelief.
 - a. Those that were saved from Egypt dies in the wilderness – vs 16-17
 - b. They didn't enter into the His rest – vs 18-19
- C. God's Rest is still Available – Heb 4:1-3
 1. The Fear of the Lord – vs 1
 2. Do we understand the implications of "Believing" the Gospel – vs 2
 - a. Why did God save you?
 - b. What does God expect from those whom He saves?
 3. God has done everything necessary to enter into His Rest – vs 3
- D. The Example of God's Rest – Heb 4:4-10
 1. God Rested – vs 4
 2. It is His Rest – vs 5
 3. Some will get to Experience It – vs 6
 4. It Was and Is Still Offered– vs 7-9
 5. Ceasing from one's own work – vs 10
- E. The Importance of Continuing Faith – vs 11-16
 1. Diligence to enter – see vs 3
 2. Believing the Word – vs 12; 2Co 10:4-5; Col 3:16; Jas 1:21-25
 3. Remembering
 - a. our Accountability to God – vs 13
 - b. our Great High Priest – vs 14
 - i. our confession – vs 14b
 - ii. His understanding of our situation – vs 15
 - iii. Our Ability to come Boldly to the throne of Grace – vs 16