



A Sabbath Day's Journey

Acts 1:8-12

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Intro:

I have heard it said that only weak people that need a crutch become Christians...I stand before you right now, guilty as charged!

I have also heard it said by some that they won't go to church because of all the hypocrites...I told one such person to just come on over, we've always got room for one more!

There are yet others that take the tact that there are so many churches, they don't know where to start, so they just don't start.

I'm here to tell you that whatever brought you here today makes you one of the smartest people in the world even if you are saying to yourself; I just don't know why I'm here.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 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.

Greater minds than mine have debated exactly who Peter is writing to in this epistle, but the generally accepted thought is that he is speaking to the Church at large

Three things can be determined

1. the people that Peter was speaking to were special in God's eyes
2. the people that Peter was speaking to had a job to do.
3. the people that Peter was speaking to had a lot to be thankful for

You see no matter how they came through the door originally, erect and proud to hide the fact that anything could possibly be wrong with their life, or limping, crawling and sobbing; when you walk out of this place, you can hold

your head up high with Jesus Christ holding your hand.

In the opening text we find one perplexed group of disciples.

- They watched Jesus die on a cross
- They saw the darkness that could be felt enshroud perhaps the entire world for three hours until He gave up the ghost (a Roman astrologer wrote of that unusual darkness)
- They were witness to the fact that He had been put in a tomb, resurrected and had taught them for forty days and now had left them once again.
- Their hopes and dreams were being jerked around like a yo-yo on a string

If you have heard these analogies before, I trust that you are seeing a pattern here. Our own lives are replete with things we do not understand. Yet somehow those fellas made it and by the grace of God, we will too.

It is all part of the journey.

Just what is a Sabbath day's journey? There are several schools of thought on this subject

In the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, according to tradition, the farthest anyone would have to walk to get there was about one mile or 2000 paces.

Moses just built what the God of creation told him to build. The Scribes and Pharisees mandated that no Jew could walk more than 2,000 paces on the Sabbath, carrying the principle of God perhaps farther than it was meant to go.

You can be assured that they lived or would situate themselves to be no farther from the temple on the Sabbath than that.

I want to kick this up just a notch:

There are all kinds of people from all kinds of places that come to the house of God for all kinds of reasons.

The Sabbath Day's Journey then as now is the road to the House of God. In a manner of speaking, that is the road we are all on, trying to make heaven our home and find fulfillment in living for God on this earth.

What people are looking for is rest in their souls (Sabbath) and there is only one place that I know of to get that and that is at the feet of the cross and in the house of God

· **Matt 11:28-30**

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

There is nothing that God has for you that you cannot attain to because He gives grace, strength and mercy to all that ask

· **Matt 5:6**

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Where ever you are in your Sabbath Day's Journey, God WILL help you get there

· **Matt 11:27**

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

When you get there, you will meet Jesus as He is

It doesn't matter how you got here, how long it took you to get here or what condition your journey has left you in; it

just matters that your journey brings to the Rest that God has given which is the Holy Ghost!

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