

Awake and at Rest

Exodus 33:12-16

I. Universal problem: _____

“_____ is the American disease” [Mary Karr]

A. Ongoing _____ to the Law

“Performancism” -- we try to live up to some kind of standard

The threat of judgment looms over our every endeavor--“The eternal inner _____ of self-reproach” [Judith Shullivitz]

B. _____--we look for help in all the wrong places

Good things--comfort, safety, reputation, wealth – are made _____

II. The Lord gives us _____

“Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” [Matthew 11:28]

A. Jesus lived the life we could never live--He fulfilled the Law for us

B. Then He died the death we deserve--the penalty for law-breakers

“He is _____ to the ungrateful and the evil.” [Luke 6:35b]

“When it comes to redemption, the key back story in the Bible is the Exodus.” [Wilkerson]

“I bore you on _____ wings and brought you to myself.” [Exodus 19:4]

“_____ delivered his people out of Egypt” [Jude 5]

C. What do we do to merit God’s favor?

1. _____ – trust in His work on our behalf

“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.”

[Exodus 14:13]

2. Call out and wait upon Him

3. Rest

“Our identity is established not by our _____ but by redemption, not by what we have done, but by what has been done for us” [Christopher Ash]

We sit down to rest at this table--an _____ in a sea of anxieties

III. The Lord’s Supper

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

[First Corinthians 11:26]

Keep the cross before us – the place of true rest

IV. Counsel to help us rest on the road

A. Beware of _____ in the Christian life

Life this side of heaven is _____

Our efforts flows from Gospel rest – the crucial battle has been won!

This liberates us to roll up our sleeves--to live large and to risk much

B. The Lord gives us rest _____ struggle

"Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the _____." [Ex. 5:1]

C. The Lord gives us Himself--the gift of His _____

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

Getting into the Gospel – the Gospel getting into us – gives us hope and strength

D. We live out His life among others

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." [Luke 6:36]

"When you give a feast, _____ the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you." [Luke 14:13b-14a]

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." [First John 3:16]