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I will give you rest

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Exodus 33:12-17 (NIV) Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me.

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You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’

#4

If you are pleased with me, *teach me your ways so I may know you* and *continue to find favor with you.*

This is critical to Moses.

He needs to know God and His ways.

He knows that this is the path to finding favor with God.

#5

Remember that *this nation* is *your people.*” The LORD replied, “*My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*”

Moses needs to re-establish the fact that this nation belongs to God.

They are not just Moses' people.

They belong to God, but Moses had been given care over them.

The burden for the people was great on Moses.

He felt that he had carried it alone for a time.

Moses needed to know that God would go with him.

#6

The Lord replied: “*My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*”

The Hebrew word for Rest-Giver is נָחַח nûwach

God is telling Moses, I will give you rest.

I will cause you to rest.

#7

I will cause you to settle down and have rest.
Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

"I don't want to go anywhere without You Lord!"

#8

How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?

Did you hear that?

The thing that distinguishes them is God's presence with them.

It wasn't their history, or their victories in conquest that made them notable.

God was with them.

#9

What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

#10

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Listen to God's response to Moses' heartfelt cry.

"I will do the very thing you have asked..."

Moses has been weighted down.

He knows that he cannot continue without God's rest

#11

The Hebrew word for rest נָחַ - nûwach, occurs about 65 times in the Old Testament.

In Genesis 8:4 the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.

After 150 days, exactly five months from the time the flood began, the boat came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

The name Noah is derived from this word, (Genesis 5:29).

He found rest from the turmoil of a world that was evil.

He found rest after the flood.

#12

*The Greek word κατάπαυσις **katapausis**, (kat-ap'-ow-sis) is the equivalent to the Hebrew word for rest.*

Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV) Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

There remains a rest for God's people.

We can enter this rest.

#13

נָחַח nûwach is the word that describes the

Spirit of God resting on the Messiah, Isaiah 11:2.

Isaiah 11:2 (NKJV) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

#14

It is the same word that describes the Spirit that was given the 70 elders of Israel, Numbers 11:25.

Numbers 11:25 (NKJV) Then the LORD came down in the cloud, ...and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders;... when the **Spirit rested upon them**, ...they prophesied...

Notice the posture of the Spirit on them.

The Holy Spirit rested on them.

He was heavily upon them in power.

There was a noticeable evidence of the Spirit on them.

#15

***The word Comforter is derived from נִחַח nûwach.
The Comforter descended upon them.
This is the same Spirit that rests on the Church.***

Here in Exodus 33:14 Moses has been expecting God's presence to give rest to His people.

Moses said he could not go on without the presence of God.

God's response was affirmative.

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

My Presence ...with you...will give you rest.

This is the same request that we are making.

How are we going to make it in troubling times?

How are we going to survive in the storms and battles of life?

God says: "I will go with you and I will give you rest."

#17

***Jesus gave this promise: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)***

#18

Paul told the Hebrew believers: "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." (Hebrews 4:9)

This rest remains available for the people of God.

This was not just for Moses and Israel.

It was not just for the early Church.

This rest remains for the people of the presence.

#19

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

You need to know that God is ready to come to your aide.

He will come to you.

He will send the Comforter.

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit is with us.

He will give you rest.

#20

We must have the abiding presence of God if we go on.

It is God's presence that distinguishes us from other people.

His presence keeps us when the world is losing hope.

Other men's hearts will fail them for fear of the things that are coming.

God has the Spirit of rest for His people.

We can go on, because the Lord our God is with us.

#21

Exodus 33:17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Listen to that!

I will do the very thing you have asked !

Will you ask Him for this?

God go with us.

God give us rest.

May we be people who are known by God.

I will give you rest.