Seat of Rest

1. DEFN: Rest – ‘Total tranquility in the environment of chaos’.
2. Jesus operated in that type of rest – eg. Asleep in the boat in the storm.
3. Jesus had dominion over the weather because he was functioning out of rest.
4. When you’re in the Kingdom world, every law of nature around you is superseded by the Kingdom world.
5. A protocol for functioning in the Kingdom is: “Everything must come out of rest”.
6. If things are done out of striving or the work of your hands it will fall, because what you do is finite. What he does is infinite.
7. Rest does something in you that changes the circumstances around you so no matter what’s going on around you, you find your ‘centre’.
8. Matthew 11:29 – “I will give you rest”.
9. Rest is a gift, it’s not earned – eg by long prayer times.
10. You have to be prepared to embrace God’s rest.
11. The seat of rest is about coming into a position where the gift of rest can manifest around you by who you are.
12. This is why you have to become a Kingdom Son.¹
13. Hebrews 4:3 – “Those who believe will enter into rest”
14. Entering into rest requires you to believe you can receive rest.
15. Hebrews 4:9 – “There remains a rest for the people of God”.
16. Hebrews 4:11 – “I labour to enter into rest”.
17. POINTS: Rest is –
   (i) A gift,
   (ii) That I have to believe in,
   (iii) To receive,
   (iv) To labour for it.
18. Q: How do you labour to enter rest? A: Surrender to Jesus’ lordship.
19. Surrendering to his Lordship is so he can reign on your heart.
20. Either you or Jesus sits on the throne of your heart – it’s your choice.
21. Because we rule over our ‘mountain’ as a king in fleshy ways, we have to abdicate our throne and give him the seat so that he is Lord of it.
22. When you do that, he will rescue you from your circumstances if you let him.
23. This goes against our nature because we are used to making our future secure by ourselves.
24. Rest is about your future.
25. The key to understanding rest is to understand the realm of God’s government, his authority, his power, and his function within your personal life.
26. You come into rest in the greatest place of brokenness in your life.
27. You surrender to another so that their rule can come into your life so you can become an expression of their rule in the lives of others.
29. This is the reason for authority over cities in the Millennial reign.
30. Until you have rest in your life you’ll never have government over others’ lives.
31. When we are in surrender to Jesus, everything in our lives must ‘look’ to his throne.
32. Denying the flesh is allowing him to rule without us saying “No” to him.

¹ – [LDS]
33. In surrender there is peace.  
34. Peace becomes the absolute ruler of rest.  
35. In rest, things in your life will come into peace with you.  
36. In a state of peace, stress leaves you because stress and peace don’t go together.  
37. We labour in our job for wages, but our reward comes as a gift from Father. Reward and wages are different.  
38. It’s not easy to enter into rest when your flesh is clamouring for attention.  
39. When peace reigns, the enemy doesn’t have access to you because demons won’t confront the throne where Jesus is sitting.  
40. The voices around you will shut up when you say to yourself, “I move into your Lordship.” (Which is ‘going into Christ’)  
41. When he is on the throne you learn to sit in him, by sitting on the throne he’s sitting on.  
42. You then learn what it is to look through him at the circumstances around you to bring his domain to rule over those things.  
43. The more you are seated in Christ (“The Hope of Glory”) the more the realm of his glory manifests in the life around you because in his glory there is no striving.  
44. This is a choice. A choice to labour to go “in”.  
45. Labouring is hard work because you are working against your flesh.  
46. In rest, the realm of God begins to expand around you because you don’t worry about what’s coming to you, but what’s coming out of you.  
47. There’s a river that comes out of us.  
48. It’s the seat of god’s glory and presence in your heart that this river flows out of and touches the world. How? Because it comes from the inside-out, not from the outside.  
49. Rest releases the river of God to everything around you, and when the river flows it brings life into the sea of everything you touch, and releases abundance into it.  
50. You don’t have to work for the abundance. It just flows because you’re bringing life wherever you go.  
51. Suddenly you happen to be in the right place at the right time to connect with someone who just happens to be in the right place at the right time so you can just happen to connect together. That’s the river flowing into the atmosphere around your life.  
52. Rulership is all about submission to the desire to serve the will of another, but it comes out of a seat of rest.  
53. Rest will always bring dominion over chaos.  
54. In the seat of rest you’ll find that it won’t take you as long to do the things you do.  
55. Rest accomplishes more than what chaos can in all its striving.  
56. Practice is required to enter the seat of rest. It doesn’t come from impartation from the laying on of hands.  
57. Living out of the seat of rest does a number of things for you:  
   (i) Everything around you in chaos is brought into alignment –  
      (a) Divine alignment just happens.  
      (b) Things that you struggled with, that were consuming time, are done very quickly.  
   (ii) The realm of the Kingdom becomes easier to engage –  
      (a) You are more conscious of the Kingdom during the day while you’re sitting on the seat of rest, facilitating it.  
      (b) Rest precipitates heaven to engage with you in the fullness of God because they want to display God’s glory over your life. Heavenly beings come where rest is.

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2 – “The peace that I give you the world will not take it away.”  
3 – Out of our bellies flows a river of living water: “out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (KJV); “…innermost being…” (AMP)
(c) All creation is groaning for this rest. Creation wants to come into that rest. That’s why you’ve got to take your place in rest.
(d) ‘Terra-forming’: Taking creation out of chaos and bringing it into rest.

(iii) Your desires become aligned with God’s desires –
(a) It becomes second nature to think about God-things. There’s no need to struggle with it.
(b) Your heart and mind become caught up in God-things.
(c) Your spirit-man finds engagement with the presence of God.
(d) You become so involved in Kingdom thoughts that you may not hear people wanting to talk to you.

(iv) It sets you apart from the world –
(a) The world loses its power over your life.
(b) You come into even more rest because the world isn’t changing (affecting) what’s going on inside of you.
(c) The world takes on less form around your life and the Kingdom realm begins to open up in a more dynamic way.
(d) Rest sets you apart for service in The Kingdom.

(v) It creates an environment of wilful surrender –
(a) Rest is so enjoyable compared to the normal life of chaos that it’s easy to surrender to the King.
(b) You want to withdraw to your seat of rest so you can engage the Kingdom world.
(c) Living in the Kingdom world teaches you how to rule on the Earth.
(d) We were made for rulership in the domain of the Kingdom which we inherit. We’re the only being in creation that can do that.
(e) That’s why satan wants what we’ve got and why he presented himself to God as a son.⁴

(vi) It eternally equips you to engage the external –
(a) It empowers you to experience life from God’s arena.
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58. The only ‘horrible’ part of this is greater accountability. This comes because of the manifestation of the power of God.

59. You must be careful of the words you say, because what you say happens.⁵

60. When you engage the Kingdom realm power and life are given to you inside your mouth. This is because you sit as a King and a king has the right to judge.

61. This is what the Earth and the galaxies are looking for – sons who have earned the right to judge out of judgement and justice in their own lives. Out of love and out of the grace of God and the goodness of God they can bring justice and life back into the Earth again.

62. What rest does is to empower the government of the motivations of your heart to bring purity into the desires and motivations, and into your relationships and into the areas of your life that you are bound to.

63. If you live out of your soul your desires are for things. If you live out of rest your desires are for divine order to come into things.

64. It requires us to be responsible and to be merciful, because there are consequences.

65. It empowers us to engage the future and our destiny by forgiving the consequences of our past.

66. When we are empowered to engage the future outside of the consequences of our past, what you are today sets the course for tomorrow.

67. So, desire the rest of God to rule ‘round your life.

⁴ – Job 2:1 (in Hebrew)
⁵ – The power of life and death is in the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)
68. Desire to sit in him and rule through him in your life, and sit on the mountain and rule over that mountain and then have a domain of the sphere of responsibility and be given a realm of government in heaven.

69. Everything goes, line-upon-line from this level into maturity.

70. God is waiting for you to get your act together so he can move through you so he can bring his government to bear on the face of the Earth – so Heaven can touch Earth once again.

71. This will come through you as you engage some of these things.

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