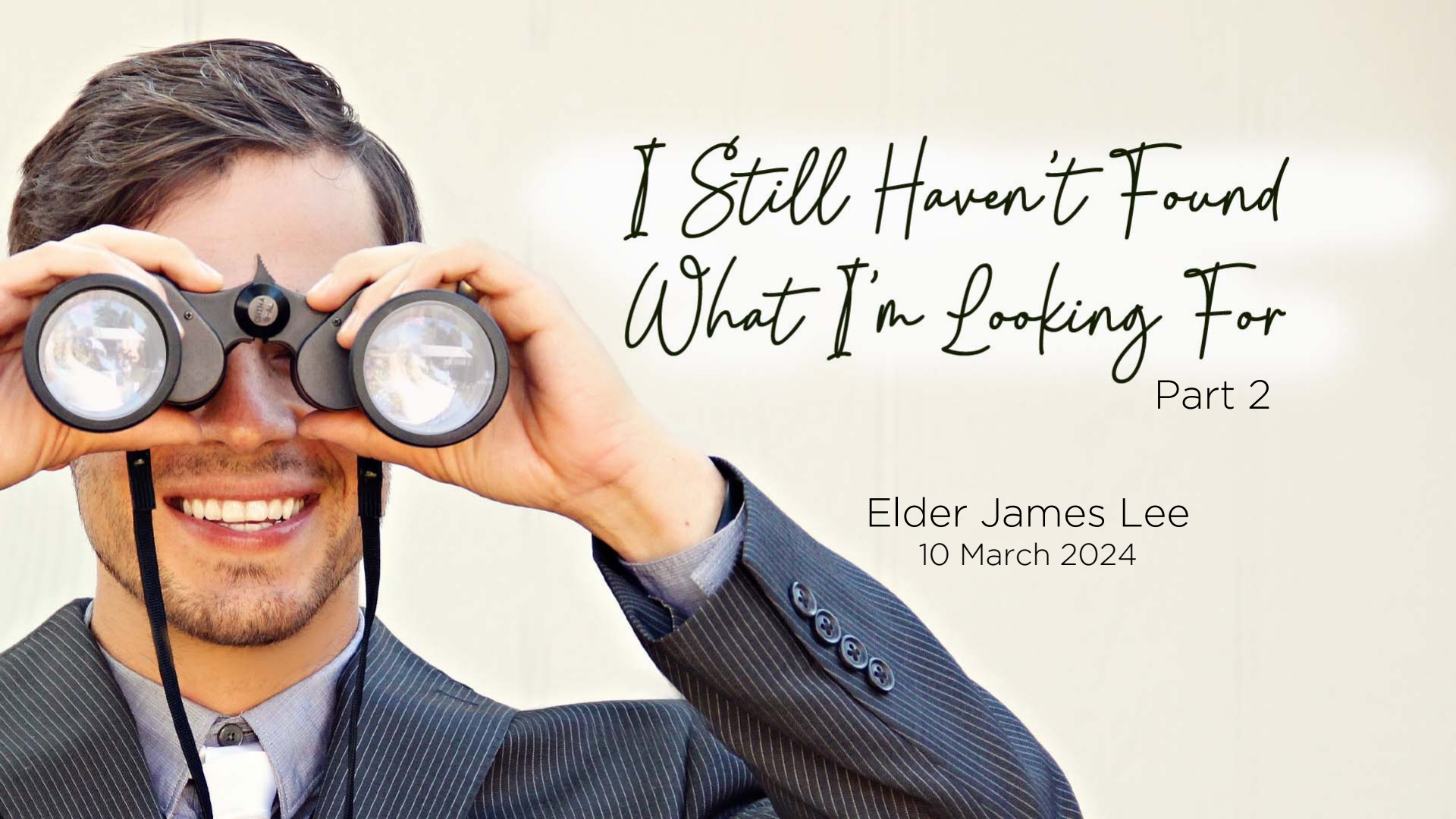




I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For

Part 2

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**Subject of finding happiness,
fulfillment and meaning in life.**

RECAP OF PART 1

**Many in the world, including
Christians, are looking to things both
material and non-material to find
happiness, fulfillment and meaning.
Yet they do not find it.**

RECAP OF PART 1

**What Jesus offers us
instead is His rest.**

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Road Map

A. Meaning of God's Rest

B. God's Rest Remains Available Us

C. Be Diligent To Enter Into God's Rest

HEBREWS 4:1-11 (NASB 1995)

The Believer's Rest

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

HEBREWS 4:1-11 (NASB 1995)

³For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, “As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,” although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”;

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5 and again in this *passage*, “They shall not enter My rest.” **6** Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, **7** He again fixes a certain day, “Today,” saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

HEBREWS 4:1-11 (NASB 1995)

“Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

HEBREWS 4:1-11 (NASB 1995)

10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. **11** Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

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- **The world was perfect and as it was meant to be.**
- **“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.”**

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- **When man was removed from God, man became incomplete and restless.**

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- **The lingering dissatisfaction and sense that there must be more to life.**
- **That is the cry of incompleteness and restlessness in our hearts.**

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- **St Augustine: "Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."**

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- Through Jesus, we are now reconciled with God.

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- **Through Jesus, we are now reconciled with God.**
- **The kingdom of heaven is once again united with earth.**

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- **There will be a new heaven and earth and God will dwell among His people once again.**

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- **There will be a new heaven and earth and God will dwell among His people once again.**
- **Things will be restored to the condition as God originally intended.**

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Hebrews 4:3,

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They shall not enter My rest,”**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

God's Rest Remains Available

- **God made a covenant with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.**
- **God led the Israelites out of Egypt to enter the Promised Land.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

God's Rest Remains Available

- **Not all the Israelites made it to the Promised Land.**
- **Disobedience and rebellion.**

PSALM 95:9-11 (NASB 1995)

9 They tried Me, though they had seen My
work. **10** “For forty years I loathed *that*
that generation, And said they are a people
who err in their heart, And they do not know
My ways. **11** “Therefore I swore in My anger,
Truly they shall not enter into My rest.”

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- **The “rest” in which Hebrews 4 talks about refers to the rest that the Israelites were supposed to enjoy in the Promised Land.**
- **Hebrews 4 tells us that such a rest remains for us today.**

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NASB 1995)

28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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- **Through Jesus Christ, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can now enter into God's rest.**

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God's Rest Remain Available

- God's rest:**
 - Provision and Abundance**
 - Security and Protection**
 - Restoration**
 - Identity, Purpose and Meaning**
 - Hope and a bright and eternal future**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

God's Rest Remain Available

- **The life goal of a believer, therefore, is to enter into God's rest.**

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- **“Diligent” implies effort, discipline, consistency and focus.**
- **Need to intentionally and consistently seek to do in our lives.**

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Be Diligent To Enter God's Rest

- 5 components of God's rest:

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Be Diligent To Enter God's Rest

- 5 components of God's rest:**
 - a) Experiencing His love**
 - b) Submitting to His rule**
 - c) Trusting in His provision**
 - d) Participating in His mission**
 - e) Abiding in His hope**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

a) Experiencing His love

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- Foundation of God's rest is His immense love for us.**

ROMANS 8:38-39 (NASB 1995)

38 ... neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What does *jesus* and the Bible say?

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- **Acknowledging that He is King over our lives**
- **Condition for the Israelites to enjoy God's prosperity and abundance: They must obey the Lord.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

b) Submitting to His Rule

- Those Israelites who failed to enter into God's rest failed because they were disobedient and rebellious.**

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- **Those Israelites who failed to enter into God's rest failed because they were disobedient and rebellious.**
- **Complained and grumbled against God.**
- **Ungrateful, dishonoured God.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

b) Submitting to His Rule

- **Do we have the same attitude?**
- **“Although we are supposed to live for God, the way we treat God, it’s as if God is supposed to live for us.”**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

b) Submitting to His Rule

- **Do we have the same attitude?**
- **“Although we are supposed to live for God, the way we treat God, it’s as if God is supposed to live for us.”**
- **No fear of God.**

HEBREWS 12:28-29 (NASB 1995)

**28 “Therefore, since we receive a kingdom
which cannot be shaken, let us show
gratitude, by which we may offer to God an
acceptable service with reverence and awe;
29 for our God is a consuming fire.”**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

C) Trusting in His Provision

- **Main problem: We want Him to provide specific things to us in specific ways.**

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C) Trusting in His Provision

- **Main problem: We want Him to provide specific things to us in specific ways.**
- **Instead of trusting God to provide what He knows is best for us, we expect Him to provide what we want for ourselves.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

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- **We must never allow ourselves to be fixated on the pursuit of our dreams and aspirations.**

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C) Trusting in His Provision

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C) Trusting in His Provision

- **Sometimes trusting God for His provision means learning to accept that we may not get promoted or become the best in our fields.**
- **Instead of striving for career success using our own strength and abilities, let us learn to allow God to lead us.**

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C) Trusting in His Provision

- **Learn to have the attitude that it is perfectly fine when God does not give us what we want.**

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C) Trusting in His Provision

- **Learn to have the attitude that it is perfectly fine when God does not give us what we want.**
- **God's promise of rest to the Israelites included the promise of restoration.**

DEUTERONOMY 30:3 (NASB 1995)

**“the Lord your God will restore you from
captivity, and have compassion on you,
and gather you again.”**

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- **There is work to be done for us believers.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

d) Participating in His Mission

- **2 aspects:**

➤ **The first is seeing our so-called secular work as our ministry.**

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 (NASB 1995)

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily,
as for the Lord rather than for men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will
receive the reward of the inheritance.
It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

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d) Participating in His Mission

- **2 aspects:**

- **The second is to serve God in church ministries.**

- **We must make serving God a priority.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

d) Participating in His Mission

- **William Carey:**

“I’m not afraid of failure; I’m afraid of succeeding at things that don’t matter.”

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

e) Abiding in His Hope

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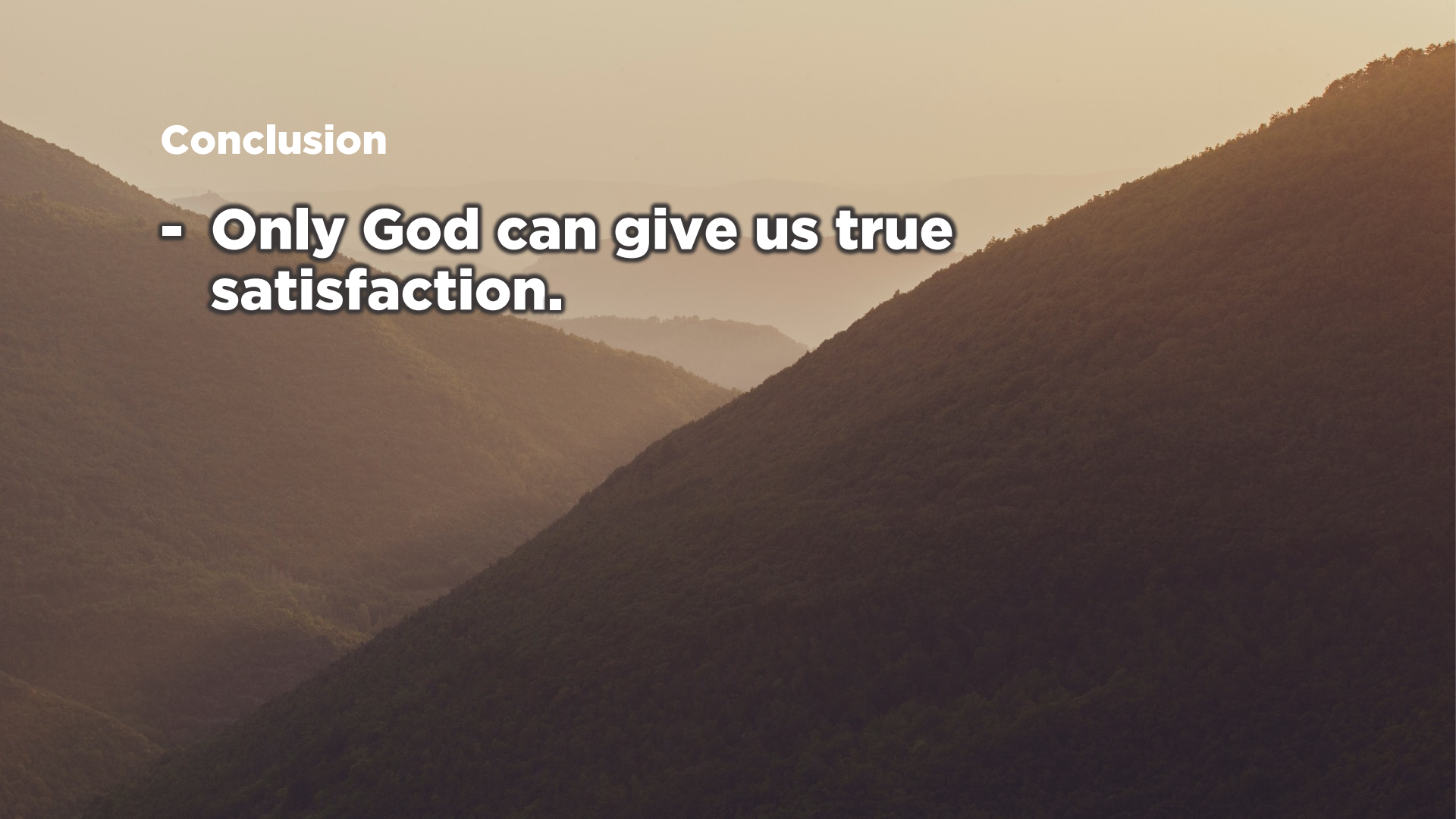
e) Abiding in His Hope

- **God's plan to bring about complete restoration of the world is firmly in place.**

What does *Jesus* and the Bible say?

e) Abiding in His Hope

- **God's plan to bring about complete restoration of the world is firmly in place.**
- **No matter what happens, everything is going to be alright in the end for us.**



Conclusion

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- **The pursuit of happiness, fulfillment and meaning in itself is therefore ultimately an exercise in futility.**

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- **We are to seek instead to enter into God's rest.**
- **God's rest is everything that we will ever need.**
- **Our life goal must be to seek diligently to enter into God's rest.**