



## ***A Time for Shabbat! Making the Transition!***



Friday, April 19, 2013

*Dear Shabbat Seekers:*

When you come to the end of week, it's always good to pause and thank the Lord for the week that is closing, as well as enter into the wholeness and opportunity of a new week. During weeks that are demanding, this can seem all the more important. (See below for a great excerpt from [A Time to Advance](#) where Robert Heidler shares about this.)

I hope many of you can join us tonight as we set aside time for food, fellowship and entertainment here at the Global Spheres Center. Our purpose in creating the Shabbat Center was to provide an atmosphere where anyone could enter into a fresh dimension of rest. Tonight should be a wonderful opportunity for this with coffee and espresso drinks, blues music by *Ethan Pierce and the E Street Band*, and a skit by *Jonathan Dickson* that will cause you to ponder what path you should choose. We begin at 7 PM (CDT), and you are free to come and go as your schedule allows. We will also offer a [live webcast](#) for those who cannot join us tonight in the Shabbat Center. You might also consider setting aside time wherever you are to gather with friends or family.

### **This Sunday at the Global Spheres Center: Making the Transition!**

We are a people on the move! However, leaving one place to journey to the next can have its challenges and can require a different level of insight and understanding. As we move from Passover to Pentecost, we must prepare to encounter the Lord in new ways and with new revelation. So I am really looking forward to *Robert Heidler's* message this Sunday on **Making the Transition from Passover to Pentecost: The Secrets of the Kingdom!** Join us on Sunday at 9 AM (CDT) or by webcast replay through next Saturday evening.

### **Shabbat: Blessing in the Midst of the Battle!** (excerpt from *A Time to Advance*)

In Hebrews 4 we read, *"Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it...There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest."*

God knew we were going to be engaged in battles against powers and principalities—against dark forces of evil in the world. Warfare can be intense. On the battlefield we must always be alert, be diligent, and press on through to victory. Therefore, whether on a real physical battlefield of war or simply in the day-to-day struggles of life, He wants us to know there is rest. He is calling us to rest.

God's primary provision for rest is called *Shabbat*. Some denominations teach that in Christ, we have already entered into God's rest and, therefore, don't need to observe Shabbat. I would agree

that resting in the finished work of Christ is a wonderful thing. One of life's greatest blessings is to discover that Jesus has truly won the victory, and I only need to trust Him. Every believer needs to enter that type of "rest" *in Him*.

However, even if I understand all that Jesus did for me and experience His "rest" *spiritually*, I still can become physically and emotionally exhausted. God is not just concerned with us spiritually. He wants to bless us in every area of life. He wants us to enter His rest, not just in a "spiritual" or "theological" sense, but in a way that we can experience His presence and joy every week.

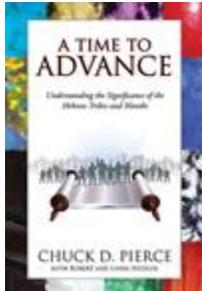
Therefore, God has designated times for you, individually and as a family, to rest and be restored. These are times set aside for you to savor His goodness and gain the strength to press on through the obstacles to pursue your destiny. God wants you to take time to stop and remember that He is good.

I am praying that each of you will find your place of rest this weekend, and enter into the goodness of the Lord!

Blessings,  
*Chuck D. Pierce*

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