

A Welcome Invitation

Matthew 11:28-30 (25-30)

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has spoken of revelation.**
 - 1. It comes from the Lord of heaven and earth.
 - 2. It does not come to the wise and prudent.
 - 3. It comes to "babes".

- B. **Jesus is the one who reveals.**
 - 1. He receives, "all things" from His father.
 - 2. No one knows the son as the Father knows Him.
 - 3. No man knows the Father like the Son knows Him.
 - 4. They have all knowledge of one another.

- C. **Jesus now issues a great invitation for us to know Him.**
 - 1. It is to all who heard Him then.
 - 2. It is to all who hear Him now.
 - 3. It is to all, Jew and Gentile, disciple and seeker. To all who will become, "babes".

I. The Person Who Invites.

- A. **"Come unto me..."** This is no casual call...
 - 1. come = δευτε = Used with a verb plural and generally as an exclamation. Same as, δευρο, in meaning, = "hither", "here", with all verbs of motion, used in cheering up or calling to one. Here! This Way! Come on!
 - 2. This is a cheerful word of encouragement.

- B. **It is the invitation of a person.**
 - 1. It is not to a picnic or a party.
 - 2. It is not to fun and carnal fellowship.
 - 3. It is to Jesus!

II. The Condition Of The Invited.

- A. **"All ye that labour and are heavy laden,"**
 - 1. labour = κοπιαω = "to be beat out", to be wary, faint, to be worn-out by labor.
 - 2. heavy laden = φορτιζω = "to lay a burden upon anyone"

3. "...all who work hard, whose load is heavy..." - NEB

B. **The invitation is not to:**

1. The rich and idle.
2. The poor and idle.
3. The schemers, the con man, etc.
4. It is to the poor working slob.

III. The Promise Of The Invitation.

A. **"...and I will give you rest."**

1. rest = αναπαυω = "to cause to rest up, cause to cease from labor, to give rest to or from."
2. "and I, yes, I, will lead you into rest" - Wms.

B. **The was the promise of God to Israel.**

1. Hebrews 3:7-11, 12-19
2. Hebrews 4:1-11, vs.10-11
3. To enter into "rest" is not to cease from work, but to accept the work of God with insight, faith and joy.

IV. The Invitation Is To Take, Its Nature.

A. **"Take my yoke upon you..." v.29**

1. take = αρω = "to lift up, "to carry away"
2. yoke = ζυγος = "a yoke, serving to couple two things together, as cattle or scales, etc.
3. "Bend you necks to my yoke..." - NEB
4. What is the purpose of the yoke? It is to learn or train the young ox with the old.

B. **"...and learn of me."**

1. learn = μαθησθαι = "to learn intellectually from others, or from study and observation, to be informed, to understand"
2. "and let me be your teacher." - Bas
3. Again, this is a person of whom we learn, not abstract principles of things.

V. The Character Of The One Inviting.

A. **"...for I a meek..."**

1. meek = πραυς = "enduring all things with an even temper", tender, free from haughty self-sufficiency, the exhibition of a tender spirit in dealing with others."
2. We are not invited to follow a mean spirited tyrant whose moods constantly change.

B. **"...and lowly in heart."**

1. lowly = ταπεινος = not high minded, humble, of condition, simple as to one's wants.
2. Jesus is no complicated personality. He is not moody and complex but simple and easy in His very being.
3. He does not pretend! How did people know? He fulfilled scripture.

VI. The Results Of Taking The Invitation.

A. **"and ye shall find rest..."**

1. find = ευρισκω = to find, as without seeking, and also by searching, hence find out, discover
2. rest = αναπαυω = "to rest up", "refresh."
3. "...and you will find your souls refreshed..."

B. **"...unto your souls."**

1. souls = ψυχη = "breath as the sign of life"
2. When one finds "rest" it eases the burdens of the heart and of one's life.

VII. The One Who Invites Is Considerate.

A. **"For my yoke is easy..." v.30**

1. easy = χρηστος = "apt for use", "useful", of things, better for nay use, good to be borne or done.
2. Submitting one's self to Christ and allowing Him to become a yoke fellow makes all things we do much easier.

B. **"...and my burden is light."**

1. burden = φορτιον = a specific load; the freight or lading that has to be borne
2. light = ελαφρος = "not heavy," "easy to carry."

3. 1 Corinthians 10:13

- C. **If we have burdens we can't bear and loads we cannot carry they did not come from Jesus.**
1. We put them on ourselves.
 2. We let others put them on us.

