

“Rest for the Weary!”

Matthew 11:25-30; Psalm 63:1-11



Introduction: You can only receive and experience the rest Jesus offers if you know HIM and if, by His Spirit, you know His Father !

In the midst of life in this world JESUS reigns and offers rest to those who follow Him into an intimate relationship with the Father!

Matthew 11:4-6: “Blessed is the one who is not offended by me” (vs. 6).

This is a call from Jesus to find EVERYTHING you need in Him as you draw near to the Father in faith .

I. Jesus’ prayer ...

Matthew 11:25-26: “I thank You, Father ... that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children” (vs. 25).

People want to hear opinions that they can debate with and then discard .

II Timothy 4:1-5: “Preach the Word ... for the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching ... and will turn away from the truth ” (vss. 2-4).

Matthew 18:2-4: “Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (vs. 3).

Jesus says that God has revealed His truth to those who, like children, trust what their Father says.

I Corinthians 1:18-21: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing ... it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe!” (vss. 18, 21).

I Corinthians 2:1-5: “... so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God!” (vs. 5).

By His grace God opens the eyes of some ... of those who, like children, confess our need .

II. Jesus’ authority ...

Matthew 11:27: “... and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.”

Jesus explains that He has information about the Father that no one else has!

John 17:20-21: “... that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in me, and I in You, that they also may be in US !” (vs. 21).

I John 1:1-3: “... so that you, too, may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son , Jesus Christ” (vs. 3).

III. Jesus’ invitation ...

Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST ” (vs. 28).

The Pharisees were laying a yoke of guilt and a burden of the Law on people, telling them that was the only way to get to God.

JESUS says, “Come to ME ... Take MY yoke upon you and learn from ME !” (vs. 29).

Jesus’ yoke is living by faith in the God you know as “‘ Abba ’, Father.”

Jesus’ yoke is the yoke of GRACE !!!

Psalm 63:1-11: “O God ... earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You ... Because Your steadfast love is better than life , my lips will praise You!” (vss. 1,3).

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John 10:27-30: “My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me. ... My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one!”