

Rest Unto Your Souls

Matthew 11:25-30

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- Matthew 11:28-30 – ye shall find rest
- Jesus' words are always simple
 - Yet ... to the point
 - Matthew 6:9-13 – After this manner therefore ...
 - Short
 - Yet all that needs to be said is said
- The condition we are in, what we need to do, what will happen when we do it

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- So many today try to make it more complicated
- The Gospel is not hard to understand
 - Ephesians 3:3-5 – when ye read, ye can perceive
 - II Peter 3:14-16 – the ignorant and unstedfast wrest

What Condition Are We In?

- We labor and are heavy laden
 - Jesus wants all those that have burdens
 - Matthew 6:25-34 – be not anxious ... all these things will be added
 - Mark 4:14-20 – the cares of the world ... choke the word

What Condition Are We In?

- Religious and secular leaders try to lay their own, or their invented burdens, on others
 - Matthew 23:4 – they themselves will not move them

What Condition Are We In?

- The main issue is the burden of sin and our weak attempts to cast it off
 - Romans 7:22-25 – I ... serve ... the law of sin
 - Galatians 5:1 – be not entangled
 - I Peter 1:6 – put to grief in manifold trials

What Do We Need To Do?

- Come unto me
 - This requires action
 - Many feel we need to do nothing
 - The "Unconditional Election" of the Calvinist doctrine

What Do We Need To Do?

- Come unto me
 - Jesus gave us work to do
 - Luke 14:25-33 – cometh unto me ... bear his own cross ... count the cost
 - John 6:44-45 – taught of God ... heard ... learned
 - Hebrews 11:6 – cometh to God ... seek after him

What Do We Need To Do?

- Take my yoke upon you
 - Acts 15:10 – we were [not] able to bear
 - Galatians 5:1 – be not entangled again
 - I Timothy 6:1 – under the yoke

What Do We Need To Do?

- Take my yoke upon you
 - Why use this mostly negative term?
 - Greek word carries the idea of a pair or a team
 - Therefore, not inherently negative
 - Teamwork or striving together

What Do We Need To Do?

- Take my yoke upon you
 - Jesus did not promise a life of ease and luxury
 - Duty and striving for a common goal
 - II Timothy 3:12 – suffer persecution
 - II Corinthians 4:16-18 – light affliction

What Do We Need To Do?

- Take my yoke upon you
 - "Cross" carries a similar connotation
 - Matthew 10:38 – take his cross and follow
 - Luke 9:23 – deny himself, and take up his cross
 - Luke 14:27 – bear his own cross

What Do We Need To Do?

- Take my yoke upon you
 - “Cross” carries a similar connotation
 - Something we are supposed to DO
 - We are to choose to take up the cross
 - Not laid upon us
 - Jesus got the choice
 - John 10:17-18 – I lay it down of myself

What Do We Need To Do?

- Learn of me
 - Luke 24:47 – preached in his name
 - Matthew 28:18-20 – teaching them to observe
 - II Timothy 2:2 – commit thou to faithful men
 - II Timothy 2:15 – handling aright the word of truth

What Will Be The Result?

- Rest to your soul
 - Acts 2:26-27 – rest in hope (KJV)
 - II Thessalonians 1:6-10 – rest with us
 - Hebrews 3:13-4:11 – give diligence to enter into that rest
 - Revelation 14:13 – rest from their labors

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- I Peter 5:6-7 – “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.”
- Revelation 21:22-22:5 – they shall reign for ever and ever

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God
 - Romans 10:8
- Believe in that Word
 - Romans 10:11
- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - I John 4:15
- Be immersed in water (baptized)
 - Acts 2:38