

Matthew 11: 25-30 part 2 **what does Jesus really want to give us?**

This week's message is called what does Jesus really want to give us?

- Last week we closed by looking at what the people will get for rejecting Jesus.
- This week we will look at what people will get for receiving Him.

This last section of chapter 10 Matthew is really going to focus on some of the things that Jesus wants to give those that truly want to follow Him.

So many of us as Christians to often focus on the things we want without giving to much thought to what Jesus wants to give us.

- We as Christians even think about what we want Him to give us, but what we really need to think about is what does Jesus really want to give us. Amen!

Jesus not only has the desire to give us things but the things He wants to give us are the best things for us. Amen!

Many times we want to give things to people we care about, but to often we are not sure what to get them.

A couple of Christmas's ago: I really wanted to get Jenn something I really thought she would want. And started thinking about very early before Christmas in order to do it right, but after some weeks I just couldn't think of something so I finally asked her. And she said she told me something she wanted. And of course I said she didn't because I said I was really paying attention.

- And as I continued to deny she told me and as she continued to say she had, she finally asked me if I wanted her to tell me again. And I finally said yes because I knew she would be wrong.
- But when she told me what it was, I was busted. Because at that moment I realized she did tell me.

But Jesus isn't like us, because He knows what to give us, and He also knows what the best thing is for us. Amen!

One of the things Jesus wants to give us is rest for our souls!

- Every one in the world is running to and fro in order to find rest for their souls, when Jesus is telling us He wants to give it to us.

Augustine said: You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Amen!

V25-26 read-slow;

Right now Jesus is speaking to His Father. And this really is a personal moment between Him and His Father.

- Its probable that Jesus is looking up into Heaven with His raised saying, I Thank You Father.

Not only is Jesus speaking to His Father but He is speaking it out loud for everyone to hear.

So Jesus is allowing the people to peer into this intimate love relationship between He and His Father.

- We see here that Jesus calls God His Father. But He doesn't just call Him Father once but He calls Him Father 4x in only three verses, which indicates a very personal relationship.
- We need to know that Jesus is in love with His Father.

And we need to understand that Jesus wants us to have that same love relationship with our Father in heaven.

- In John 17 Jesus prayed that we would be one and He and the Father are one!

Notice: The first thing we see here is that Jesus is praising His Father, for Who He is and for what He has done!

The Greek is actually more intense than saying I thank You Father, it really carries the notion of confessing the notion of Greatness!

- It could say How Great You are Father, Lord of Heaven and earth.

This is telling us is that Jesus has a high view of His Father in heaven!

- **A.W. Tozer said;** what comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us!
- Many of the struggles and difficulties we go through as Christians are a result of the view we have of our Father in heaven.

Jesus is praising the greatness of His Father for the way in which He designed the way of salvation.

I have heard Christians complain about the way God designed salvation and I can say that at times I have complained.

- Maybe even some of us in this room have complained and said God why didn't You do it this way?
- Yet Jesus is praising the greatness of His Father's plan in salvation.

Humility: Jesus is praising His Father because the way of Salvation comes through humility!

When we started the Sermon on the Mount I stated that the first beatitude Jesus gave is the essential to everything.

- Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit for there is the kingdom of heaven.
- The bible says God is near to those who have a broken and contrite heart.

The difference between the wise and the prudent and the babes is humility.

- The wise and the prudent think they know everything where as the babies are in need of help for everything!

Please understand God is not against those who are wise or intelligent.

- For example Jesus just told us in Matthew 10 to be wise as serpents!
- What Jesus means here is people who are wise in their own eyes.

The people who are wise in their own eyes are not going to call out to God but those who are in need will.

Friday: This Friday I had a conversation with someone and they were asking how come there are different views of Christianity. He said the Catholic Church says one thing and I say another.

- ✠ So I went on and try to help him understand in a gracious way about the differences.
- ✠ But then I believe the Lord gave me a word for him.
- ✠ I said, take you for example; I have talk to you many times about Jesus and told you many times to simply read your bible, yet how come you won't do it?
- ✠ He said because it is easier to think the way I do.

This is a person that is wise in their own eyes.

- If this person was humble, he would simply say, I need to sit down and read the bible for myself and find out what is true.

- But for now he has chosen to go along doing his own thing being wise in his own eyes.
- Because this person is wise in his own eyes, he thinks he has a lot of time left.
- But the reality is his soul may be required of him tonight and he could die and spend eternity on hell.

A great way: The way that God has done this is truly a great way! Because if He made the plan of salvation only available to those who are very wise that means the plan of salvation would be limited on whom it could reach.

✠ But God has done it in a way in which every one has the ability and the opportunity to know God and His plan of salvation.

Anyone can call out to the God and be saved. The only thing someone needs is to be able to admit that they need Him.

There are also some people that even think they have to clean themselves up before they come to God. But that is actually the worse thing they can do because that would only feed their pride.

✠ We simply need to cry out to God just as we are and say God I need Your salvation.

✠ And then let Him clean us up.

When I knelt down in my basement to receive Jesus, I was a drunkard, a fornicator, a brawler, an idolater, a thief, a liar and the list could go on and on.

- But I humbled myself and cried out to God just the way I was and He cleaned me up.
- Here I am 16yrs later and none of these things define my life.

All anyone needs to do is humble them selves like a child and call out God and He will save you! Amen!

Even as Christians: we loose out on so much that God has for us because we become wise in our own eyes instead of staying humble before Him.

V27 read-slow;

Not only Jesus giving us a great picture of the intimate relationship with His Father but He is also giving us a great picture of doctrine.

This verse is clearly teaching of the Deity of Jesus. In other words that Jesus is God!

- In order to be in control of all things one would need to be God! Amen!

Jesus has already told us that He knows the way in which the Father has made the way for Salvation.

- And we also see here that Jesus is the only one who can reveal the Father to people.
- In other words He is in Sovereign control of Salvation.
- No one can say I came to God the Father on my own.
- The only ones who can know the Father are the ones to whom the Son reveals Him.

I didn't sit down in my basement that day and say, now how am I going to get the Father in heaven? That is what religion does.

- Religion says well if I go to church, perform this task, and give money then one day I will get to the Father in heaven.
- The only way to know the Father in heaven is when Jesus reveals Him to you!

Cults: Many cults deny that Jesus is God because they will claim that Jesus never said He was God, which is not true.

But when people look at verses like this they don't think of the Deity of Jesus because they are just not thinking deep enough!

Lenski: listen to what Lenski said concerning this verse:

- Since the establishment of the kingdom involves power over all hostile forces in earth and in hell, there is nothing that might be exempted from all things.
- All things includes: earth, heaven and hell; men, angels, and devils; time, death, and eternity; all things; salvation and damnation; grace and judgment; life and death; all things; truth, righteousness, glory, peace, and joy, consolation and refreshing, rest and hope, deliverance from sin, victory in temptation, overcoming the world, communion with God, the love of God, the life in God.
- All things have been delivered unto Him.
- He is the Almighty Lord, the Giver of divine gifts of grace, the Executor of all divine works, the Prince of life, and therefore the Captain of Salvation. Amen!

If someone is going to be in control of the Salvation of people then He must be in control of all things.

Knows the Father: Jesus is also telling us here, that He is the only one that knows the Father. And the Father is the only one that knows the Son.

Since the Father has complete knowledge of the Son, that means the Son has complete knowledge of the Father.

- And since the Father is omniscient, all knowing, that means the Son must also be omniscient, since He knows the Father. Amen!

J.Ws: Even in the JW version which is a corrupted version in which they do everything to deny the Deity of Jesus, render this verse this way;

- And no one **fully knows** the Son but the Father, neither does anyone **fully know** the Father, but the Son.
- Since the Father is omniscient all knowing, the Son cannot fully know Him unless He is omniscient all knowing as well. Amen!

Jesus is telling us here that He and the Father have an exclusive and awesome relationship.

- And in the next verse we are going to see that Jesus wants us to share in that relationship!

V28-30 read-slow;

Jesus has been given all things and now what is He doing with that authority and power?

- He is inviting us to enter into a relationship with Him and the Father. Amen!

Unfortunately many people view God as being far off and away but we see here that Jesus is inviting us into a relationship with Him.

Many people point out there is a constant theme of sin and judgment in the bible which is true but we must also point out there is also a constant theme of invitation.

In fact at the end of the book of Revelation after we are told about Jesus coming back and straightening things out. God gives one more final invitation.

- **Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts, Come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Amen!**
- It is no coincidence that the bible ends with a three fold invitation.
- God desires people to be saved He is constantly inviting them to Come!

My Favorite invitations: One of my favorite invitations by Jesus is found in John 7:37.

- On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried out saying, If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me as the scriptures has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

Spurgeon: “ ‘*Come*’; he drives none away; he calls them to himself. His favorite word is ‘Come.’ Not, go to Moses – ‘Come *unto me.*’ To Jesus himself we must come, by a personal trust. Not to doctrine, ordinance, nor ministry are we to come first; but to the personal Saviour.”

Today: There may be some of you hear this morning wondering when should I come to Jesus?

- Well the invitation is always open and the bible says today is the day of salvation.
- If you are hearing the voice of the Lord saying Come. Then its time to come.
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Jesus is clearly showing us here the heart of Him and the Father.

- God wants people saved because we are told He has made a way and now He is inviting us to be saved! Amen!

Burdened: Jesus has rebuked those who are wise in their own eyes and now He is inviting those who are tired and burden because He wants to give them rest.

I asked us in the beginning what does Jesus want to give us.

- We see here that Jesus wants to give us salvation, a relationship with Him and the Father and He wants to give us rest! More specifically He wants to give us rest for our souls!

Doesn't it just sound good, that Jesus wants to give us rest for our souls?

Jesus is speaking to the Jews of His day and what has taken place is that the leaders of the Jews have totally weighed downed the people with religious burdens.

In Matthew 23 the whole chapter focuses on Jesus rebuking the religious leaders of His day.

- **Matthew 23:4** Jesus said, For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men' shoulders; but they will not move them with one of their fingers.

The religious leaders in the days of Jesus made worshipping God a burden when it is intended to be pleasurable.

Labor: the word labor here means; to labor to the point of exhaustion.

- Listen: These people were literally exhausted because the religious leaders had convinced them that the only way they could be right with God is by their religious activity!

- Does that sound familiar?
- People today that want to worship Jesus but the church has left them literally exhausted because of the burdens they put on them.

In the bible is estimated that there about 613 laws to keep. Obviously not all have to do with behavior a lot of them were ceremonial.

- But the Jews went added on many other things to the laws in the bible.

Remember in Matthew 9 when the Disciples of John and the Pharisees came to Jesus to ask Him about fasting.

- They said how come we fast often but your disciples do not fast.
- In other words what they were saying is that if you don't fast like us you are not right with God.

Today: its very unfortunate but many churches have done the same thing today.

- Jesus wants to give His people rest but we in the church go put so many burdens on them.
- People just want to come and learn about Jesus and worship and then we go and say you have to do this and you have to do that. And by the way you can't do this and you can't do that.

The church needs to let people grow in the Lord before they start coming down on them.

Maybe talk about how CCOB was gracious with me and my clothing.

Philip Yancey: Tells the story of about one thing that happened when he was teaching at Moody Bible institute.

- One time in the class he and the student were laughing about the hypocrisy that was taking place there because at that time the students were not allowed to have facial hair, meanwhile there was a great big Old Picture of D.L. Moody with a beard.

Elisabeth Elliot from "The Liberty of Obedience

"To the pure, all things are pure." Clearly, it is not possible to behave in a way which would be understood by all, let alone accepted by all. God alone, who is above all and in us all, judges rightly, and therefore it is before Him that we stand or fall.

A sincere attempt to discover ways in which I might guide the Aucas in making moral choices led me to the realization that, I had sometimes called things sinful which the Bible did not call sinful; and if I had imposed these on the Indians, I would have been guilty of the Pharisees' sin of laying burdens too heavy to be borne. It may take a new kind of courage for us to believe that God must interpret His Word to His people. We may find ourselves on the wrong side of some man-made fences, but this is a part of the risk of following Him without reservation, of doing the truth, and of unconditionally committing our case to God.

Guitar and drums: I know it's hard for us to believe but it wasn't that long ago that the guitar and the drums weren't anointed instruments.

There are even Pastors today that are making a stink about what is considered an acceptable pulpit.

The Apostle Paul told us that if we have the fruit of the Spirit, against such things there is no law

One of the reasons people are leaving the Christianity today is because the church puts burdens on people that are not God's burdens and they are simply burnt out!

- There can be some people who are here today that came from a church where they were totally burnt out!

John Courson tells about the denomination which he was a part of before he came to Calvary Chapel had him totally burnt out, by the ripe old age of 20.

V29-30 read-slow;

Jesus wants the people who come to Him to receive rest for their souls! Amen!

- One of the greatest needs of the human soul is to find rest!

One of the things that is really sad is that the world does not associate the church with rest but rather with burdens.

- People mostly assume the church wants something from them.
- When in fact it's the opposite. Jesus wants to give them rest.

One of the reasons people should be coming to church is to help them get rest for their souls.

- I want people to come here and find the rest for their souls they are looking for.

- And if I give them Jesus they will find rest for their souls because Jesus said learn of Me.

Important: If I am here teaching the scriptures that ultimately speak about Jesus people will find rest for their souls. Amen!

- In other words everyone should leave here this morning knowing that Jesus said Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- Not maybe or I might but I will give you rest!

The reason we can have rest in Jesus is because He has already told us that all things have been delivered to Him by His Father.

- So now matter what is going on in our lives we need to go home and be at rest because we know He is in control of all things.
- And whatever happens is His will for our life!

Catholic Church: as the Lord was working on my heart I started to go to the Catholic Church in my neighborhood with my friend's mother every Sunday at the 6:45 am service.

- And at this church they have a big wooden carving of Jesus and His disciples.
- And every week I would go there and go through their service and I would just look at the sculpture of Jesus and say there has got to be more. There has got to be more.
- The more I was looking for was Jesus.
- Jesus is the One who gives us the rest for our souls that we are looking for.

The rest that we are looking for does not come from religion or the things of the world but it comes from Jesus as we learn of Him.

Jesus tells us here about Himself that He is gentle and lowly in heart.

- In other words He is not a task master like Pharaoh or the Pharisees that laid burdens on the people.
- Who wouldn't want to serve someone that is gentle and lowly in heart!

Easy: the word easy in the Greek can mean well fitting.

- Jesus says My yoke fits well.
- What He means is: the life I give you is not a burden to gall you; your task is made to measure to fit you. Whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly!

As I witness to people and talk to people and just look at people I see multitudes of people that have no rest for their souls.

- People get into drugs, and alcohol, and sex, and music and work, and family and religion and many other things just to try and find rest for their souls.
- And it totally breaks my heart because I know rest is available to them by coming to Jesus.

At work I have to listen to secular music, and as I listen I here people singing that are lost and looking for something.

- And I just sit there and pray and say to God that we are missing an opportunity of bringing Jesus to these people.
- Many of the songs I hear are people that have no rest for their souls.
- And unfortunately they haven't been given the right picture of who Jesus is and what He has come to give them.

I can almost guarantee that they would think Jesus wants something from them instead of thinking Jesus wants to give them rest for their souls.

Religion is a burden, but Jesus brings rest.

Please don't think that by Jesus saying He came to give us rest and that His yoke is easy and His burden is light that we are to be lazy people.

- On the contrary.
- Now that we have rest for our souls our bodies ought to be joyfully laboring for Jesus.

My whole life I have been a hard worker.

- During part of my senior year in High School I was working 40 hrs a week; which was illegal.
- When I got my first job out of High School I was probably working 70-80 hour weeks.
- I remember it seemed like for a number of months I never saw the Sun.
- Then after that job it seems like I have always been working two jobs at a time.

But I can say that I have never worked as hard as I am now in serving the Lord.

- But on the same token this burden is easy and this burden is light because I get to do this.
- One of the things I learned while on staff at CCOB is not that I have to do this but that I get to do this.
- Each one of us gets to serve the Lord and carry His burden.

- But make sure you have His burden and not your own or someone else's or else that burden is going to be heavy.

The yoke that Jesus has given me is perfect for me and I would never have it any other way.

- I want to work as hard as I can for the Lord until I drop.
- **I rebuke any thought of retirement that comes into my mind!**

Jesus and Paul: We should all want to end our life as Paul and Jesus did.

- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. Finally there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness judge will give me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
- Jesus said, I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do!

Cross: Even when we think of the Cross. Jesus said for the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross despising the shame.

- The very thing He despised He did because He saw what was beyond the cross and that was us.
- Jesus peered through the cross and saw our faces on the other side that would be saved, and with joy in His heart He said I will do it. Amen!

Jesus tells us His Yoke is easy and His burden is light.

The yoke that Jesus has for us is not a burden.

A yoke was something they would put on an animal in order for him to work in the field.

- And it was very important that the yoke was made right on it would hurt the animal while he was working.

Carson: According to Carson, **labor** implies the burdens we take upon ourselves and **heavy laden** implies the burdens others put upon us.

Jeremiah 31:25

Charles Wesley wrote of an encounter he had with a prisoner:

- Preached at Newgate to the condemned felons, and visited one of them in his cell, sick of fever-a poor black that had robbed his master. I told him of One who came down from heaven to save lost sinners, and him in particular; described the sufferings of the Son of God, His sorrow, agony and death.
- He listened with all the signs of eager astonishment; the tears trickled down cheeks while he cried, What! Was it for me? Did God suffer all this for so poor a creature as me?

We ought to have rest because we have been told that He is in control of all things!

Two extreme opposites: Children have no wisdom and prudence. They barely think about anything before they act. They are dependent upon others.

We are called to be wise and prudent and intelligent. We are in a time when Christians ought to be intelligent in order to face the onslaught of the enemy.

God the Father loves the humble that cry out to them in their need.

- I love giving Caleb things but what really blesses my heart is when he comes to me and asks me to give him something he is unable to get himself.
- God our Father loves it when we cry out to Him to help us give us something we cannot attain ourselves.

We see the heart of Jesus here in the fact that people can get saved and that He invites people to that salvation!

God wanted to deliver His people from Egypt and bring them into a land He had chosen in order to give them rest.

- In the scripture Egypt represents the world, so Jesus is saying I want to take you out of the trouble of the world and give you rest.

Rest in the relationship with our Father in heaven.

Its not the burden of God is speaking about but the burden of men.

Thief on the cross.

Right after Adam and Eve fell in the garden the first thing we see that God did was come looking for them.

- We also need to notice that God spoke about a Savior before He judged them.
- And after He judged them, God in His grace took their fig leaves and gave them tunics of skin in order to cloth them.

We have to observe the intimacy that is being displayed here between Jesus

Children are dependent. They love to be taught. They love relationships.