



Matthew 11:25-30

THE KING'S REST

The way to be saved is to come to Jesus. To come to Jesus means to pray to him, to trust in him, to rely upon him. Each man who trusts in another may be said to come to that other for help. Thus to trust in Jesus is to come

to him. In order to do this, I must give up all reliance upon myself, or anything I could do or have done, or anything I do feel or can feel. Nor must I feel the slightest dependence upon anything that anyone else can do for me. I must cease from creature helps and carnal rites, to rest myself upon Jesus. That is what my Savior means when he says, "Come unto me." The exhortation is very personal. "Come unto me," says he. He saith not, come to my ministers to consult them, nor come to my sacraments to observe them, nor come to my Bible to study its teaching...but he invites us in the sweetest tune of friendship, saying, "Come to me." **To trust in a crucified Savior is the way of salvation.**

I am afraid many people are detained from Christ by becoming entangled in the meshes of doctrine. Some with heterodox doctrine, others with orthodox doctrine, content themselves. They think they have advanced far enough. They flatter their souls that they have ascertained the truth! But the fact is, it is not the truth as a letter which saves anybody. It is the truth as a person. It is Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. —Charles H. Spurgeon

Jesus and His twelve disciples, along with John the Baptist, have proclaimed the message of the kingdom of heaven throughout all of Israel (3:2; 4:17; 10:7). But the nation as a whole rejected it. After condemning the self-righteous in Israel who refused to repent, Jesus extends an invitation to all those who would trust in Him.

THE FATHER'S SOVEREIGN REVELATION (11:25-27)

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34; cf. Ps. 18:27; Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11, 18:14; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5).

- God _____ His Word from the self-sufficient.
- God _____ His Word to "little children."
- This is the Father's good and sovereign _____.
- This is the Son's good and sovereign _____.

THE SON'S GRACIOUS INVITATION (11:28-30)

*COME TO ME,
all who are weary and heavy laden,
and I WILL GIVE YOU REST*

There are few texts more striking than this in all the Bible—few that contain so wide and sweeping an invitation—few that hold out so full and comfortable a promise.

—J. C. Ryle (1816-1900)

Humility is nothing else but a right judgment of ourselves.

—William Law (1686-1761)

Personal contact with Jesus alters everything. —Oswald Chambers

There is nothing that any of us can do to inherit the Kingdom. We must simply receive it like little children. And little children haven't done anything. The NT world was not sentimental about children and had no illusion about any pretended innate goodness in them. ...Children are our model because they have no claim on heaven. If they are close to God, it is because they are incompetent not because they are innocent. If they receive anything, it can only be as a gift.

—Brennan Manning

- **To come to Jesus, I must _____.**

Weary (present active participle)

Heavy-laden (perfect passive participle)

- **To come to Jesus, I must _____.**

Come to Me

- **To come to Jesus, I must _____.**

I will give you rest

God is a God of rest. Perfect satisfaction. Perfect peace. Perfect joy. Throughout Scripture, God invites us into His rest (Ps. 46; Is. 26:3-4).

R _____

E _____

S _____

T _____

- **In coming to Jesus, I choose to _____.**

Take My yoke upon you

My yoke is easy and My burden is light

- **In coming to Jesus, I choose to _____.**

And learn from Me for I am gentle and lowly of heart

And you will find rest for your souls

The attitude of coming is that my will resolutely lets go of everything and deliberately commits all to Him. —Oswald Chambers

Weary. Greek, *kopiaō*, “to labor with wearisome effort; to grow weary, tired, exhausted.”

Heavy-laden. Greek, *phortizo*, “to place a burden upon, to load up [with rules]” cf. Luke 11:46.

To come means to believe (Acts 16:31); to receive (John 1:12); to eat (John 6:35); to drink (John 7:37); to look (Isa. 45:22); to confess (1 Jn. 4:2); to hear (John 5:24-25); to enter a door (John 10:9); to open a door (Rev. 3:20); to touch the hem of His garment (Matt. 9:20-21); and to accept the gift of eternal life through Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

—William MacDonald

He will give you rest from guilt of sin. He will give you rest from fear of law. He will give you rest from fear of hell. He will give you rest from fear of the devil. He will give you rest from fear of death. He will give you rest in the storm of affliction. —J. C. Ryle

The word "easy" (Greek chrestos) can mean "well-fitting." In Israel, ox-yokes were made of wood; the ox was brought, and measurements were taken. The yoke was then roughed out, and the ox brought back to have the yoke tried on. The yoke was carefully adjusted, so that it would fit well. The yoke was tailor-made to fit the ox. There is a legend that Jesus made the best ox-yokes in all Galilee... The sign above the door of the carpenter's shop in Nazareth may well have been: "My yokes fit well."

—William Barclay