

“Come unto Me”

Matt. 11:20-30

Introduction:

- A. Jesus had done a series of miracles (chapters 8-9)
 - 1. Yet, the Jews continue to reject Him (vv. 16-24)
 - 2. However, Jesus issues the great invitation for all to come to Him (vv. 28-30)
- B. We want to examine what this invitation means to us today – it has several implications.

Discussion:

I. It Implies That Man Is Away.

- A. Being away implies that one is a sinner and lost (Eph. 2:12; Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
- B. Not *born* away, but *gone* away (Rom. 3:10,12)
 - 1. Does Psalm 51:5 teach inborn sin?
 - 2. Away because of *own* sins (Isa. 59:1-2; Ezek. 18:20)

II. It Implies That Man Can Come.

- A. If not, then Jesus is sadistically mocking man.
- B. Calvinism teaches he cannot come.
- C. Men do not come because they choose not to come (cf. Matt. 23:37; 2 Pet. 3:9)

III. It Implies That Man must Come, Not God.

- A. Man departed from God, not vice versa
 - 1. Adam and Eve
 - 2. Gentiles became vain in imaginations (Rom. 1:21)
- B. Man is told “be ye reconciled unto God” (2 Cor. 5:20).
 - 1. Prodigal son left, the prodigal son had to come back (Lk. 15)
 - 2. Old invitation song pleads “you who are weary, come home.”

IV. It Implies That Man Benefits by Coming.

- A. An easy yoke, and light burden.
 - 1. Some think no yoke and no burden - disappointed after they come.
 - 2. Other think yoke hard, and burden heavy - do not come.
 - 3. It is the way of the transgressor than is really hard (Prov. 13:15)
- B. Removal of sin leaves an easy yoke, and light burden.
 - 1. Leaves only the yoke of service and burden of responsibility.
 - 2. Service and responsibility lightened by love (1 John 5:3 nkj)

Conclusion:

- A. The burden of sin is indeed heavy.
 - 1. The guilt is a heavy burden to bear – it is completely removed by coming.
 - 2. The consequences is a heavy burden - trouble, sorrow, anxiety, sickness and death.
 - a. These are not removed by coming.
 - b. These are made lighter by coming (1 Pet. 5:7; Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 10:13).
- B. Why not let Jesus lift that burden from you?
 - 1. You will have “rest” now.
 - 2. You will have eternal rest in heaven. (Rev. 14:13)
- C. Who needs to come?
 - 1. Those who have never come.
 - 2. Those who have come and left again.

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