



Lesson 26 – The Invitation

Based on Matthew 11:28-30

1) What amazing invitation did Jesus make to the world?

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____.

Jesus left none to feel themselves shut out from His care and love. All who labor and are heavy-laden may come unto Him.

2) What did Jesus say in conjunction with the last invitation?

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and _____ of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your _____.

Whether you know it or not, all are weary and heavy-laden. All are weighed down with burdens that only Christ can remove. The heaviest burden that we bear is the burden of sin. If we were left to bear this burden, it would crush us.

3) Who was chosen to carry your guilt?

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on _____ the iniquity of us all.

The Elder Brother of our race is by the eternal throne. He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. He knows by experience what are the weaknesses of humanity, what are our wants, and where lies the strength of our temptations; for He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He is watching over you.

4) How big is our God?

Psalms 147:3-5 He _____ the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the _____ of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is _____.

Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be opened for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength. The heavier your burdens, the more blessed the rest in casting them upon the Burden Bearer.

5) What conditions does God put on us to receive the blessings?

Matthew 11:29 _____ my yoke upon you, and _____ of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall _____ rest unto your souls.

The yoke is an instrument of service. Cattle are yoked for labor, and the yoke is essential that they may labor effectually. By this illustration Christ teaches us that we are called to service as long as life shall last. We are to take upon us, His yoke, that we may be co-workers with Him.

6) What did the Psalmist say bring him joy?

Psalms 40:8 I _____ to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

The yoke that binds to service is the law of God. The great law of love revealed in Eden, proclaimed upon Sinai, and in the new covenant written in the heart, is that which binds the human worker to the will of God.



7) Who's will did Jesus do?

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of _____ that sent me.

8) What was the will of the Father?

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Love for God, zeal for His glory, and love for fallen humanity, brought Jesus to earth to suffer and to die. This was the controlling power of His life. This principle He bids us adopt.

9) According to Scripture, how easy is it to follow God's will?

Matthew 11:30 For my yoke is _____, and my burden is light.

There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of care because they seek to reach the world's standard. They have chosen its service, accepted its perplexities, adopted its customs. Thus their character is marred, and their life made a weariness. In order to gratify ambition and worldly desires, they wound the conscience, and bring upon themselves an additional burden of remorse.

10) What promise did Jesus give to everyone out in the world?

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the _____ of _____, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Worry is blind, and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet.

11) What is Jesus asking of us?

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find _____ unto your souls.

We are to enter the school of Christ, to learn from Him meekness and lowliness. Redemption is that process by which the soul is trained for heaven. This training means a knowledge of Christ. It means emancipation from ideas, habits, and practices that have been gained in the school of the prince of darkness. The soul must be delivered from all that is opposed to loyalty to God.

In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace. He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. Amid the greatest opposition and the most cruel treatment, He was still of good courage. But many who profess to be His followers have an anxious, troubled heart, because they are afraid to trust themselves with God.

12) What did Moses pray after the Children of Israel danced around the golden calf?

Exodus 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, _____ me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

13) How did God respond?

Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go _____ thee, and I will give thee rest.



14) Moses replied:

Exodus 33:15-16 And he said unto him, If thy _____ go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found _____ in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

15) What pleas did God make with Israel in their rebellion?

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and _____ therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Isaiah 48:18 O that thou hadst _____ to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

When our will is swallowed up in the will of God, and we use His gifts to bless others, we shall find life's burden light. He who walks in the way of God's commandments is walking in company with Christ, and in His love the heart is at rest.

16) What did God promise through Isaiah?

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt _____ him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest.

Our lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit ourselves to the wise Master Worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. And that character which expresses the glory—character—of Christ will be received into the Paradise of God. A renovated race shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy.

17) How does the Bible describe those that are sealed and at the throne of God?

Revelation 7:15-17 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his _____: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall _____ no more, neither _____ any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall _____ them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

As through Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins **here**. We respond to His invitation, Come, learn of Me, and in thus coming we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ. The longer we are in the heaven of bliss, the more and still more of glory will be opened to us; and the more we know of God, the more intense will be our happiness. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. All that human nature can bear, we may receive here.

Can you see Jesus brings peace?

Would you like to worry less?

When is the time for Heaven to begin?