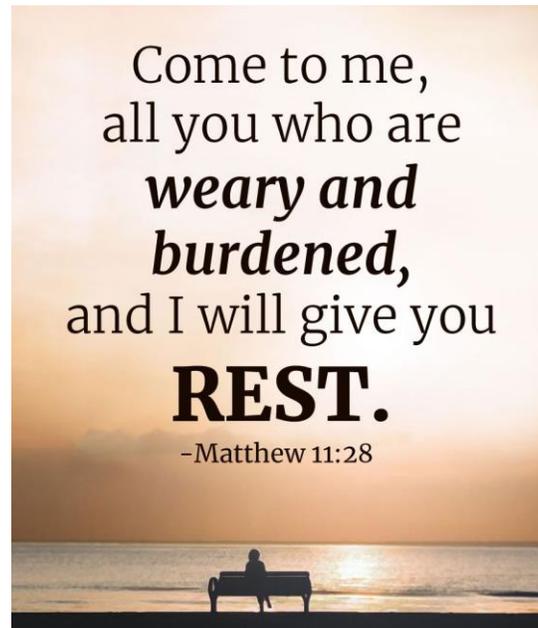


# PROMISE #1: REST FOR THE WEARY

COVID Promises: Matthew 11:25-30

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## Woe, woe, woe

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure . . . .

Matthew 11:25-30

- 1) Korazin and the Pharisees know that Jesus is talking about them
- 2) The “wise and learned” only \_\_\_\_\_ they have insight into God’s kingdom plan
- 3) Jesus celebrates the child/Father relationship

## Athens and Anacortes

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:22-27

1) You gotta serve \_\_\_\_\_

2) Paul begins by introducing Athens to the God of creation, the God who is present

## How to know the Father

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<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:25-30

1) To know the Son, I need to take the \_\_\_\_\_ path

2) To know the Father, I need to “come” and “take” and “learn”

3)

## Living into the promise of rest

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Matthew 11:28-30

1) this is a serious warning for leaders

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup> “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy loads and put them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Matthew 23:4

2) commands

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5

3) “to” rather than “after” → THIS is the good will of the Father!

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away . . . .”

<sup>41</sup> At this the Jews began to grumble about him . . . .

<sup>43</sup> “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.”

John 6

## Resources for further study

J. C. Ryles' tract "Come" at <https://www.monergism.com/come>

Ryle's commentary on Matthew 11 is at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/ryl/matthew-11.html>

I appreciated Bob Deffinbaugh's message on Matthew 11 at <https://bible.org/seriespage/22-jesus-john-baptist-and-jews-matthew-111-30>

Spurgeon's "Christ Given Rest" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-christ-given-rest/#flipbook/>

