



Title: The Misgivings About the King (part 3) – The Individual Invitation of the Messiah

Text: Matt. 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Introduction:

1. Because of the national rejection of Israel to the Messiah. The Lord Jesus switches to a personal call to repentant sinners to come to Him.
2. His personal invitation is evidence of national rejection. The Lord's invitation shows a new emphasis in His ministry as He marches towards the cross.

I. The Lord Jesus Prays to the Father (vv.25-27)

- A. "At that time" indicates a change in subject.
- B. The things of the Kingdom are hidden from the "wise and prudent" (pride) and "revealed unto babes" (humble).
- C. The Lord acknowledges His Father's authority (vv.25-26).
- D. The Lord acknowledges His own authority (v.27).
- E. God the Father "delivered" "all things" unto the Son from eternity past. – The Son pre-existed in eternity past with the Father. The Son was with God and is God!
- F. No one can learn about the Father apart from the Son. Jesus reveals God the Father.

II. The Lord Jesus' Personalized Invitation (vv.28-30)

- A. The Condition of Israel – "labour" (weariness and toil) and "heavy laden" (bearing burdens) both without relief. What a perfect picture of the entire world that is plunged into sin!
- B. The Offer of the King – "I will give you rest." (refrain or restrain from toil in order to be refreshed and/or revived).

Conclusion:

1. The politically and spiritually blind leaders of Israel (political hacks, Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees) caused Israel nothing but weariness and heavy burden bearing with no rest.
2. ONLY Jesus Christ is the solution – a right relationship with God through the person and work of Jesus Christ.
3. Where do we turn to when we are troubled?
4. Have we trusted in the Lord? (Isa. 50:10-11)
5. Apart from Jesus Christ mankind will not have (cannot have) rest.
6. When like Israel we turn away from the LORD what can we expect?
 - A. Deut. 28:15 – What shall we choose? (Obedience vs. Disobedience)
 - B. Ps. 119:113 – Vain Thoughts vs. Thy (God's) Law (lies vs. truth)
 - C. Pro. 3:5-6 – Who do we rely on? (The LORD vs. Self)
 - D. Pro. 29:25 – Who do we fear? (The fear of the LORD vs. the fear of man)
 - E. Heb. 11:6 – What do are we trusting in? (Faith vs. Sight)