

THE NOBLE/GRACIOUS INVITATION

*What kind of Invitation is this?: Jesus' Personal Invitation To All Men
Matt. 11v28 -30*

Intro:

Text: Matthew. 11v25 – 30

A. CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS HINDERING A RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION; EXPLAINED – v25 – 27

Observe the two Factors THAT Hinders Your Response This Invitation Necessitated: (vv25 – 27)

1. The Natural/sinful Human factor – (v25a)

- Truth Of God Is NOT conceivable With A Natural Mind – v25 c.f. I Cor. 2v14
 - o C.f. Gen. 3 & Rom. 5v12 – *One man sinned, death came thru Sin, & spread on all men, b/c thru Adam, All Sinned*
 - o Rom. 3v10 – 19 (READ) “*Without Christ, No One Is Righteous, NOT even One*”
- Man By Nature Is Dead, Is in NEED Of Life Giving Gospel Of Jesus Christ – Eph. 2v1 – 4 & 8 – 10
 - o V1 – 3 Dead in Sin, Without God/without Hope, By nature Children Of Disobedience, object of God’s unbridled wrath; Hell the only place reserved for all offenders against God’s perfect truth
 - o V4 – But God, by His Grace, He saved
 - o V8 – 10 – Saved NOT by Works BUT by Grace
- A Heavenly/God-given Disposition is Necessary If we are To Stand Aright Before God. (v25ff)
 - o Not in our OWN way, But by the Way that God Has provided.
 - o And this is proven through these following Verses:

2. The Supernatural/Sovereign Factor – v25 – 27

- A. In Concealing The Truth Sovereignly (v25)
 - Truth hidden from the Wise & Intelligent; but revealed to the INFANTS.
 - Who are the wise/intelligent?
 - What are babes? Nepios – infants -
- B. In Revealing The Truth Sovereignly (v25b – 27)
“...*You have revealed them...*” – v25b

Observe – vv25 – 27: Phrase by phrase; to affirm why Christ’s making such an invitation: - v28ff

FIRST: “My Father.”

SECOND: “All things have been handed/delivered to Me.”

THIRD: “And no man knows the Son but the Father.”

FOURTH: “and to anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal him.” – v27d

B. THE COURTEOUS INVITATION – v28

Quality Of Invitation:

- i. **A Special Invitation** (person = Christ Invites To Self) – 28a “*come to Me...*” – C.f. John. 6v37; 6v35; Acts. 10v43 & John. 3v14 – 16
- ii. **The Significance Of The Invitation** – v28b
 - i. A Deliberate & An All Inclusive Invitation –
 - ii. A Distinct & Quite A Focused Invitation –
What Kind Of A Focused Call Is This?
 - a. **It’s A Compelling To Repentance as a key, verse 28.**
 - o Illust: (Jewish Rabbis + Burdens = People (Acts. 15v10 & Matt. 23v4). Acts. 2v38 & Acts. 3v19, “*Repent therefore and be converted.*” Acts. 8; Acts. 17; Acts. 20. 1 Thess. 1v9, II Tim. 2v25; Acts. 5v31. Luke 15 twice it says. *The angels of God rejoice over one sinner that repents.*”
 - b. **It’s A Commanding Call To Exercise Saving Faith – v28**
This is an imperative word.
 - Acts. 20v21 c.f. John. 6v35; Isa. 45v22; Isaiah 55v1-3
 - Rev. 22v17; John. 6v35; John. 7v37; John. 8v12
 - Acts.10v43; John. 3v16
 - iii. **A Direct & An Assuring Invitation** (Promise/Oath) – “*...I will give you rest*” – v28/v29 c.f. vv25 – 27

DEF: What is rest? Vv28 & 29

- Illust: The Lord warned Israel →Ps. 95v7 – 9 & 11 & Hebrews warns: →Heb. 3v11 – 12. C.f. (John. 6v66 Heb. 3v11 – 12; Heb. 3v19 & Heb.4v1–3.

C. THE SUBMISSIVE RESOLVE – v29 – 30

A Submissive Resolve is revealed in Four (4) principled & Deliberate Actions:

- i. Act Upon Christ (take) – “*Take My yoke upon you*” – v29a
- ii. Attain Knowledge of/From Christ (learn) “*learn (methetes disciple) from Me*”v29b C.f. Eph. 2v20.
- iii. Align & Model After Christ – (gentle & humble) “*for I am gentle & humble, in My heart – for you will find rest for your souls* – v29
- iv. Abide In Christ – v30 c.f. John. 15 “*For My yoke is easy and My burden is light*

D. The SELF-EVALUATION – (Response: APP)

What Rest Do You have? - Sinner] – What Kind Of Rest Has Jesus Promised? – Believer?

Illust:

- a. Response Picture #1 →Rev. 3v20 (PICTURE = DOOR/KNOCK & SUP)
- b. Response Picture #2 → Lk. 14v17 – 18 (Picture: Man/Great Feast & INVITES Guests Responds = Excuses
- c. In all of these verses, What is Our LORD say? – Matt. 11v28 – 30

CONCLUSION

Let’s pray.