

He invites you to come to Him

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day of judgment, than for you. 23 And thou, **Capernaum,**

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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.

1. The Reprimand! 11:20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein **most of his mighty works were done,** because they **repented not:** 21 **Woe unto thee,** Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in

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- a. Jesus severely rebukes them [20](#) Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein **most of his mighty works were done**, because they **repented not**:
- i. He rebukes them because they did not repent
 - ii. He rebukes them not because of their rebellion but they ignored Him
 - iii. They didn't stand against Jesus directly they simply ignored Him
 - iv. They were indifferent. They continued living their lives, doing business, unaffected by all that Jesus was doing.
 - v. Jesus and what He was doing was so insignificant to them that they didn't even find it worth arguing about, discussing. They did not take Jesus seriously!
- b. The majority of the world is like these three cities, indifferent

- i. In the parable of the wedding feast they showed this same attitude **Matthew 22:5** *But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:*
 - 1. The making light was like paid no attention.
 - 2. They went on their way
 - 3. They continued doing their business
- ii. They did not mistreat or kill the kill slaves like others did **Matthew 22:6** *And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.*
- iii. That is how people acted while Noah built the ark that condemned them **Luke 17:26** *And as it was in the **days of Noe**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷ They did **eat**, they **drank**, they **married** wives, they were given in marriage, **until the day** that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise also as it was in the **days of Lot**;* they

did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

1. Some probably criticized
2. Some attacked
3. The majority simply ignored what was going on

c. Jesus is extremely angry [22](#) But I say unto you, It shall be **more tolerable** for **Tyre and Sidon** at the day of judgment, than for you. [23](#) And thou, **Capernaum**, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in **Sodom**, it would have remained until this day. [24](#) But I say unto you, That it shall be **more tolerable** for the land of **Sodom** in the day of judgment, than for thee.

i. The word woe is a word to denounce these cities [21](#)
Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon,

they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

ii. It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment

iii. They had seen the miracles. They knew God was at work

iv. It just didn't matter to them **Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, **27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

v. Remember: The greater the privilege, the greater the responsibility; and the greater the light, the greater the punishment for not receiving it.

d. The cities

i. Tyre and Sidon represented the corruption and worthlessness of the pagans. They were immoral and godless

- ii. Yet these wicked cities would have repented if they had seen and heard so much. If they had had this privilege
- iii. Sodom represents moral depravity
- e. There will be degrees of punishment in hell
 - i. Those who have had the most opportunity and rejected will receive the most punishment
 - ii. Being religious, Jews, was no guarantee that the punishment couldn't come—The Jews would have felt secure in their traditions and families but didn't know Jesus

2. Jesus prays to the Father **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*.

- a. Salvation was largely rejected by the spiritual know it alls. **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.**
- i. The Jewish leaders who should have embraced Jesus did not
 - ii. Many of the social outcasts, sinners, beaten, broken, and failures did believe and turn to Christ
 - iii. It wasn't a matter of intellect but of faith
 - iv. It was for those who would come helpless
 - v. It was for those who could see their need
- b. This will be how the Gentiles get the gospel.
- i. They were ignorant
 - ii. They knew that their lives were sinful and selfish
 - iii. They will hear and believe
- c. God is the author of salvation **26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.**
- i. Never forget that God is at work
 - ii. Even Jesus recognized the Father and prayed to Him

iii. It was concerned with what looked good in the Father's sight, opinion

d. Jesus recognized God and His power **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*.

i. Jesus is telling them that He is God in human flesh

ii. He is showing them that He and the Father know each other

iii. He can show you the Father. He knows God the Father, He can show you Him

3. Jesus gives a great invitation **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.

a. Jesus invites all to come to Him

b. He invites those that have found their lives to be too heavy and burdensome

- c. He invites those that have a religious activity mindset to come to Him and get relief
- d. If you are living a beaten down life you can come to Christ and find what you need to enjoy life, to have peace and rest in your soul
- e. We take His yoke, we submit to His leadership, His wisdom, His Word
- f. He will carry the load
- g. You can get rid of your baggage
 - i. Religious rules
 - ii. Guilt from your past failures
 - iii. Blame and resentment
 - iv. Anger over past abuses
 - v. Never feeling accepted or good enough
- h. Come to the One that can make a difference in your life