

the gospel of matthew

THE KING & THE KINGDOM



Matthew 11:28-12:14

Matthew 11: 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”

3 He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?

6 I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. 7 And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

9 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

13 Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

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Jesus calls the weary to find rest in Him.

- Come to Me
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1) Come To Me

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Vs 28

2) Take My Yoke

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vs 29,30

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For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and
the knowledge of God more than burnt
offerings.

Hosea 6:6

“Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” vs 12

Religion

If I perform obey I am
accepted

I give God something and
he owes me

The Gospel

I am totally accepted in
Christ therefore I obey

God through Christ gives
complete salvation by
shear grace

Hosea 11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

Leviticus 26:13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

3) Learn From Me

“and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” 29

...it does seem to me that at least some of us have made an idol of exhaustion. The only time we know we have done enough is when we are running on empty and when the ones we love most are the ones we see the least. When we lie down to sleep at night, we offer our full appointment calendars to God in lieu of prayer, believing that God—who is as busy as we are—will surely understand.”

Barbara Brown Taylor "Divine Subtraction"

"sleep is God's contrivance for giving us the help he cannot get into us when we are awake."

George MacDonald

"When we wake up, we wake up to a world we didn't make, into a salvation we didn't earn."

Eugene Peterson

The message of our gospel is the gentle word, "come." Our Lord says, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." The law says, "Go and do." The law says, "Go and take heed to your path in which you walk. Break the commandments and perish; keep them and live." The law drives men with a whip; Christ draws men with bands of love. The law repels; the gospel attracts. Christ is the good shepherd who goes before His sheep and says, "Come, I will give you rest."

Charles Spurgeon

What's your OQ?* (*Orphan Quotient)

**Often we live like orphans instead of who we really are –
beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father!**

Has a growing assurance that "God is really my loving Heavenly Father."	Feels alone; lacks a vital daily intimacy with God; "a vacuum of self concern."
Learning to live in daily self-conscious partnership with God; not fearful.	Lives on a success/fail basis; needs to "look good"; performance oriented.
Prayer is the first resort: "I'm going to ask my Daddy first." "Daddy, Father!"	Labors under a sense of unlimited obligation; tries hard to please; burn out.
Can take risks - even fail; since his/her righteousness is in Christ, he/she needs no "record" to boast in, protect or defend.	Needs to be right, safe, secure; unwilling to fail; unable to tolerate criticism; can only handle praise.
Is trusting less in self and more in the Holy Spirit (with a self-conscious, daily reliance).	"Tries harder"; self-effort; relies on his/her "gift package" to get by in ministry.
As he/she rests in Christ, sees more and more victory over the flesh -yet still sees himself/herself as a "big sinner."	Feels powerless to defeat the flesh; has no real "heart victory" over pet sins--yet has lost his/her sense of being a "big sinner."

