

Jesus Said ...

"Come unto me, all ye that labour ..."

Matthew 11:28

and shame. Someone has said, "God has promised forgiveness for your repentance; but He has not promised you tomorrow."

Come now to Jesus, repent of your sins and believe that He will save you. Accept this invitation to come to His storehouse of precious promises. "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:3,4). Your guilt will be removed, you will have total peace in your heart and eternal life will move through your soul. Come, just as you are, and come now.

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His presence with us through the work of the Holy Spirit within. As we continue to work for Jesus, the yoke becomes easier and the burden grows lighter. Remember, the road of Christian service is the only road to heaven.

When we yield ourselves to Jesus and live a life of faithful service in His yoke, all the while learning of Him, He gives the greatest possible reward, eternal rest for our souls, which is our fourth area of discussion. The Golden Text of the Bible clearly states this, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The writer of the Book of Hebrews speaks of the great eternal rest that comes as a result of faithfulness. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Hebrews 4:9,11).

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden." This invitation is open to everyone, but no invitation has value to you unless you respond to it. If the wear and tear of daily living tends to get you down and everybody seems to get on your nerves and you don't know what to do, Jesus' invitation is, come as you are. If you are frustrated and have no hope and feel your life is a failure, come to Jesus now.

In every way possible Jesus has called weary sinners to partake of His salvation and enjoy the assurance of being clear before Him. Yet so many poor, sin-bound people go their way in dark despair. The Holy Spirit calls in the depth of every heart, "Come." Also every Christian is authorized to say, "Come to Jesus." "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is thirsty come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). You are invited, come as you are. By delaying you will only sink deeper into the muck of sin

Many people have brought a multitude of troubles on themselves. They waste much time and energy trying to find something in the place of faithful obedience to God and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Some well-meaning persons may be trying to please God by living a good moral life, others may seek it in the membership of a certain church, a high degree in education or some other social experience. Jesus calls out His invitation down through the ages to all people, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

This precious, well-known scripture may be divided into four areas: 1. The invitation, 2. The easy yoke of service brings rest, 3. Learning of Jesus, 4. The Eternal rest. First, the invitation—"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Because of who He is, Jesus the eternal