Come Unto Me

Jesus foretells of the grace to come to benefit mankind through His service to God. That is mans total, mans complete liberty from the LAW that which all mankind is born under, labors under, causing a restless anxiety, a hard, we might even say an impossible yoke to bear, a burden that we could not bare and are never meant to bear under the new covenant of grace as children of God.

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus is speaking to the Jews of the day who where commanded by God to live fully under the burden of the law! Ouch, makes me tired just thinking about it! Knowing fully of the work that lay ahead of Him and of the unbearable burden they were under we can see why Jesus says the following to them, inviting and foretelling of the rest and liberty through faith that was to free them and us to come from the “old way” and introduce us all to a “new better way” A way by grace!!

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**.

Let’s break this down and then put it into other words that might make it a little easier to grab a hold of.

28: **Come** unto me, all ye that **labour** and are **heavy laden**, and I will **give** you **rest**.

**come**: 1205 to go to (in other words to leave where you are and to move to someplace else or go to someone else!)

**labour**: 2872 to feel fatigue, to work hard. (no rest here!)

**heavy laden**: 5412 the word heavy is supplied my the translators. Laden: to load up, to overburden with ceremony (or spiritual anxiety) hence the correct addition of the word “heavy” by the translators.

**give**: supplied by the translators.

give you **rest**: 373 to repose lit. or fig. (be exempt from)

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**yoke**: 2218 to join, a coupling, servitude an obligation.

**learn**: 3129 literally to learn.

**meek**: 4235 gentle

**lowly**: 5011 depressed lit. humiliated in circumstance or position.

**find**: 2147 lit. find as a future tense.

**find rest**: 372 intermission
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

yoke: 2218 to join, a coupling, servitude an obligation.

eye: 5543 employed (by implication) useful.

burden: 5413 from 5414 5414: something carried, the cargo of a ship 5413: an invoice as part of freight.

light: 1645 easy

So in other words
"I fully understand the impossible load that your under and I have been given the authority to invite you to leave the work that your doing (trying to keep the burden of the law) and come be with me. He who has sent me knows how fatigued you are and in need of a permanent rest from the heavy work that you have been trying to do. I am the one and only one who has the authority to give you a permanent exemption from this work that you were commanded to do, and I’m freely and lovingly offering you the opportunity to join with me together in our labor for Him who sent me. Because of your joining with me you’ll express a gentleness and humility in all situations and as we go along you’ll find a permanent liberty from your prior situation. So if you come and join with me, it will be very useful, fruitful, profitable. That which we will carry in our hearts to do together will be a very small piece of the whole job and so it will be easy for you”.

Praise God for His love and grace given to us in Christ! When we have the understanding and the hope, translated faith, to cease from our work and enter into His rest, we find a throne of grace to help in all our times of need!! That my friends is a promise of God.