“Come unto Me”
Matt. 11:20-30

Introduction:
A. Jesus had done a series of miracles (chapters 8-9)
   1. Yet, the Jews continue to reject Him (vv. 16-24)
   2. However, Jesus issues the great invitation for all to come to Him (vv. 28-30)
B. We want to examine what this invitation means to us today – it has several implications.

Discussion:
I. It Implies That Man Is Away.
   A. Being away implies that one is a sinner and lost (Eph. 2:12; Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
   B. Not born away, but gone away (Rom. 3:10,12)
      1. Does Psalm 51:5 teach inborn sin?
      2. Away because of own sins (Isa. 59:1-2; Ezek. 18:20)

II. It Implies That Man Can Come.
   A. If not, then Jesus is sadistically mocking man.
   B. Calvinism teaches he cannot come.
   C. Men do not come because they choose not to come (cf. Matt. 23:37; 2 Pet. 3:9)

III. It Implies That Man must Come, Not God.
   A. Man departed from God, not vice versa
      1. Adam and Eve
      2. Gentiles became vain in imaginations (Rom. 1:21)
   B. Man is told “be ye reconciled unto God” (2 Cor. 5:20).
      1. Prodigal son left, the prodigal son had to come back (Lk. 15)
      2. Old invitation song pleads “you who are weary, come home.”

IV. It Implies That Man Benefits by Coming.
   A. An easy yoke, and light burden.
      1. Some think no yoke and no burden - disappointed after they come.
      2. Other think yoke hard, and burden heavy - do not come.
      3. It is the way of the transgressor than is really hard (Prov. 13:15)
   B. Removal of sin leaves an easy yoke, and light burden.
      1. Leaves only the yoke of service and burden of responsibility.
      2. Service and responsibility lightened by love (1 John 5:3 nkj)

Conclusion:
A. The burden of sin is indeed heavy.
   1. The guilt is a heavy burden to bear – it is completely removed by coming.
   2. The consequences is a heavy burden - trouble, sorrow, anxiety, sickness and death.
      a. These are not removed by coming.
      b. These are made lighter by coming (1 Pet. 5:7; Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 10:13).
B. Why not let Jesus lift that burden from you?
   1. You will have “rest” now.
   2. You will have eternal rest in heaven. (Rev. 14:13)
C. Who needs to come?
   1. Those who have never come.
   2. Those who have come and left again.

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