

the great invitation

matthew 11:25-30

It's Really No Secret | Verses 25-27

v 25 *At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes."*

- Jesus shows His **thanks** (ἐξομολογέω exomologeō - to super confess or be in agreement with). Jesus was recognizing the Father's sovereignty here.
 - What are **these things**? Acts 1:3 says He was speaking of **things** (same word - ταῦτα tauta) pertaining to the kingdom.
 - What Jesus is saying here is that these things are hidden from those people who think they can discover truth through their own intelligence and reasoning. They are dependent on their own worldly wisdom and knowledge.
 - Jesus wants us to be a different type of dependent... As **babes** (νήπιος nepios - suckling, nursing infants).
- v 27** *All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

- Jesus is strongly affirming His deity here. He calls the Father "**my**" and He states that He possesses everything that the Father possesses.
- And the ending statement again reinforces the working relationship between the Father and Son. Only they (the trinity) do the **revealing** (ἀποκαλύπτω apokaluptō - to lay open what has been veiled or covered up).

It Contains Certain Parameters | Verses 28-30

v 28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

- Jesus then says **Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden**. This is the qualifier for coming to Christ. And we know that the Bible teaches coming means believing (John 6:35)
- So we come, we believe, those of us who **labor** (κοπιᾶω koiaō - to work to the point of sweat and exhaustion, to grow weary) and are **heavy laden** (φορτίζω phortizo - to place a heavy load upon).
- This is when we find true **rest**. What is **rest**? ἀναπαύω anapaūō - to be revived or refreshed. Heb chapter 3:19 talks about unbelief keeping us from rest. This is referring to salvation.
- Hebrew 4:2 then moves on to talk about how we can have **rest**, but it has to be mixed with faith. So **coming** and **rest** coincide with each other. If we **come** (have faith, believe), we find **rest** (salvation, refreshment)

v 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.*

- Jesus then moves on to speak of submission (**yoke**).
- We have to be willing to learn from **Him** (μανθάνω manthano apprentice, pupil, student, disciple) which includes full out obedience to Him.
- **gentle** and **lowly in heart**. These are crucial concepts to grasp in understanding the nature of what we're submitting to.
- And Jesus finishes this section off with more of the same from **v 30: For My yoke is easy and My burden is light**.
- Jesus is there to say his **yoke** ironically is **easy**. It provides relief. It is suitable, good, and reasonable.
- And when the burden of striving to discover truth through every worldly way possible and imaginable is just too great, Jesus again ironically says that His **burden is light** (easy and insignificant).
- The parameters of this great invitation are simple and direct: **Come** humbly to Jesus and he will give you **rest**. Believe in Him (who is sovereign and already chosen you) and He will provide rest (salvation).