



Come to Me - Take My Yoke - Learn from Me

Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)

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

Introduction

Matthew 11 begins with John the Baptist being in prison and sending two of his disciples to ask Jesus about his doubts.

v. 4-6 – ⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

Jesus went around Israel proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, calling people to turn from sin (repent) and be baptized, and performing various healings and miracles. But people were increasingly irresponsive, even though many followed Jesus, they did not recognize Jesus as the King and that the Kingdom of God has arrived. They never repented, for they saw Jesus as a miracle worker and a teacher.

So, Jesus began to denounce (**v. 20-24** - Woe to you.) the cities, where He traveled and performed the power of the Kingdom. The people in those cities were stubborn and hardened their hearts. They even accused Jesus of being the Devil.

When a criminal whose words and actions convey unrepentance, will

you
grant him
a pardon?

Unbelief is a moral disobedience and not an intellectual skepticism. It is the human pride of independence saying, "Who is lord over us?" or "Why should we depend on you?" Unbelief asks for more evidences and when presented, still denies its existence. Unbelief is the refusal to submit to the truth. But an honest man will follow the evidences.

Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the

creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³²who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor

Deklarasiyon ng paglilingkod



Sa loob ng tatlung-pitong taon, tiyak ang tawag ng Diyos kay Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy at lalong pinagtibay ito ng kaniyang *covenant* ayon sa Panginoon na ibinahagi Niya sa panambahan. Ang bawat miyembro at manggagawa na tinawag ng Diyos sa paglilingkod ay mayroong ding naisin sa kanilang mga puso na sumunod at magamit sa ministeryo. Sa taong ito, muling ginanap ang *Covenant Convention* noong Hulyo 5 at 6 sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center.

Sa loob ng dalawang araw, nagkaroon ng *seminar* na pinangunahan ng mga pastor ng UCF. Dito tinalakay ang kinapapalooan ng *covenant membership* na nagsilbing paalala sa mga responsibilidad ng bawat isa na marapat

gampanan nang buong katapatan. Ang mga manggagawa ay nagbahagi rin ng kani-kanilang karanasan sa Panginoon at mga bagay na kanilang inaasahang mangyari sa mga susunod na panahon bilang Kaniyang mga anak. Naging kalakasan sa kapatiran ang patotoo ng bawat isa na siyang patunay na ang Diyos na nangako ay tapat sa Kaniyang Salita.

Ayon din sa Salita ng Diyos sa Epeso 2:10, "Kung ano tayo ngayon ay gawa ng Diyos, at sa pakikipag-isa natin kay Cristo Jesus ay nilikha Niya tayo para sa mabubuting gawa na inihanda Niya noong una pa man upang gawin natin". Patuloy nating ipagamit ang ating lakas at buhay ayon sa kalooban ng Diyos!

Covenant Signing

Bilang pagtitiwala sa tawag ng Diyos, ang lagda ng bawat isa ay desisyon ng pagsunod at pagganap sa mga kasunduan ng panambahan na ayon sa Kaniyang buhay na Salita. Ito ay deklarasyon na ang kanilang buhay ay ipapagamit para sa kaluwalhatian at pagpapatuloy ng mga gawain ng Diyos.



Bilang mga anak ng Diyos na tinawag para sa paglilingkod, ang lahat ay buong pusong sumunod nang mayroong pagtitiwala sa Diyos at sa Kaniyang mga pangako, na kailanman ay hindi Niya tayo iiwan ni pababayaan, bagkus ay Kaniyang sasamahan.

**John 15:16
(NKJV)**

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Sessions

Sa pangunguna ng mga butihing pastor ng UCF, makabuluhang mga seminar ang ginanap noong Biyernes at Sabado na nagpapaliwanag sa mga responsibilidad at alituntunin ng pagiging isang ganap na miyembro at manggagawa ng panambahan. Binigyang diin dito ang kahalagahan ng tunay na tawag ng Diyos sa paglilingkod at pagsunod sa kalooban ng Panginoon sa buhay ng bawat isa.



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Kung dito ka tinawag ng Diyos sa UCF, mararanasan mo ang Diyos dito at dito ka ngayon tatawagin para ilagay sa mga gawain o ministry. Dito ka gagamitin, dito ka lalago at dito ka makasusumpung ng liwanag base sa Salita ng Diyos.



REV. MORRELL ESTRELLADO
Associate Pastor



Nagkaroon ng oportunidad ang ilan sa mga kapatiran na mailapit ang kanilang mga katanungan sa ating mga butihing pastor na siyang nagbigay kalinawan sa kanilang puso at isipan.

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Kung talagang tinawag ka ng Panginoon dito sa UCF at upang maging anak niya, iyon na dapat ang pangarap natin. Diba kapag sinabi mong pangarap mo, lahat ng lakas mo, effort mo, panahon mo at pati resources mo, doon mo nilalagay.

REV. RYAN CHRISTIAN TABAY
Associate Pastor



¹³Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

2 Timothy 1:13-14
(NKJV)

Praise and Worship



Ang kalooban at plano ng Panginoon ay higit pa sa ating mga sariling kaparaanan. Sa pamamagitan ng Kaniyang pag-ibig, tayong mga anak Niya ay natuto ring magmahal at magbigay ng nararapat na papuri at pagsamba sa Kaniyang Ngalan.

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Let us step out of our comfort zones. Kahit saan suungin natin to reach out for the lost souls. Minsan kasi mapili tayo pero ang Panginoon hindi ganoon.

REV. RICARDO JACOB
Associate Pastor



Ang presensiya ng Diyos ang pumuno sa puso ng Kaniyang mga anak.



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Kung bakit ka ginagamit ng Diyos ay hindi dahil sa magaling ka. Kung bakit ka ginagamit ng Diyos kasi nagdesisyon kang magpagamit.

REV. DR. JAMES SY
Administrative Pastor



Ang Diyos ay hindi nagbabago noon, ngayon at magpakailan man. Sapat na at higit pa ang Kaniyang ipinaparanas na pag-ibig sa bawat isa.

Matthew 6:33
(NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

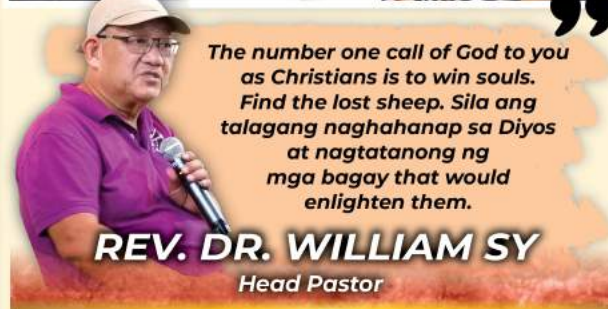
Ang karanasan sa Panginoon ay hindi matutumbasan ng anomang bagay na naririto sa mundo. Bilang pagbabalik-sulit sa kabutihan ng Diyos, ang kapatiran ay naghayag ng kanilang patotoo sa katapatan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay na patuloy na nagbibigay lakas bilang isang katawan ni Kristo.

Testimonies



Fellowship

Kakabit ng gawaing ito ay ang makabuluhan at masayang pagsasama-sama ng kapatiran sa presensiya ng Diyos. Ang lahat ay nagkaroon ng masayang oras kasama ang bawat isa habang sinasariwa ang kabutihan at katapatan ng Diyos sa kanilang buhay.



The number one call of God to you as Christians is to win souls. Find the lost sheep. Sila ang talagang naghahanap sa Diyos at nagtatanong ng mga bagay that would enlighten them.

REV. DR. WILLIAM SY
Head Pastor

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

2 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV)

Come to Me...

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Jesus responded in prayer and in an invitation.

v. 25-27 - ²⁵At 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. ²⁶Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷All 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.

Even though God is sovereign, He will not reduce our responsibility to choose, to believe, to refuse, etc.

John 1:11

He came to His own, and His own

did not receive Him.

A. Come to Me

God sent an invitation to all, but it is our responsibility to respond and to come to Jesus. To come to Jesus means to acknowledge that we need Him (to believe) and to make Him our life (to receive).

Religion added human philosophy and ordinances above the Law of God. These became the works and the burdens of the people who wanted reconciliation with God. Religion teaches sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins and good works to receive salvation. These became the yoke of humanity: self-righteousness (sacrifices) and good works (merits). These cannot give us rest. Only Jesus can give us rest.

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

Jesus is saying, "Come and I will give you forgiveness, redemption, and salvation." (Rest for our souls)

B. Take My yoke

A yoke is a wooden plank fastened over the neck of an ox and attached to the plow or cart that they are to pull.

When Jesus said, "Take my yoke", He is saying that we should be yoked together. He is not putting or leaving you with a yoke to pull for yourself. Religion forced that yoke on us, but Jesus carried it to the cross for us. Jesus fulfilled the law.

To be yoked together is when two or more oxen are fastened together to pull the plow or the cart. It becomes easy and light because you are not pulling alone. The best part of it is that Jesus is the older ox (bigger, experienced, and stronger) and we are the young ox (smaller,

inexperienced, and weaker).

Who do you think is the one pulling the most of the plow or the cart?

C. Learn from Me

We should abide and learn from the examples of Jesus. He showed us that:

- **With God, all things are possible.**

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

- **All things work together for good.**

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Conclusion

Let us come to Jesus and be yoked together with Him as we also learn.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

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