

“My yoke” Matthew 11:20-30

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Today, we'd like to see the title of “My yoke” in the book of Matthew 11:20-30

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 22, “But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you,” what does it mean, and what can we learn from this?

Q2. In verses 28-29, “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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,” what do they mean, and what can we apply these to our lives?

Q3. In verse 30, “For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light,” why is this?

(Background)

Today, we study the cities which did not repent (verses 20-24) and His yoke to rest us (verses 25-30).

(Text)

²⁰ Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

20 = His mighty works (The works showed Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ as prophets had prophesized in OT); did not repent (therefore the seers should have repented their unbelief in Jesus Christ with other sins, and have believed Jesus Christ)

21 = Woe to you (Bad to you; Sorrowful to you); Chorazin... Bethsaida (His mighty works were not recorded in the Bible ¹ *John 20:30; 21:25*); Tyre and Sidon (pagan cities punished in OT ² *Ezekiel 28:2, 22* when they did not see His mighty works. So, they were punished without knowledge of Jesus Christ); they would have repented long ago (if they had seen His mighty works, they would have repented)

¹ *John 20:30* And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: *21:25* And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

² *Ezekiel 28:2, 22* ² “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,’ Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god” ²² and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; I will be glorified in your midst; And they shall know that I am the LORD, When I execute judgments in her and am hallowed in her.”’”

<p>22 But I say to you, <u>it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.</u></p> <p>23 And you, <u>Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.</u></p> <p>24 But I say to you that it shall be <u>more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.</u>”</p> <p>25 <u>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.</u></p>	<p>22=Q1 it will more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you (In the day of judgment ³Heb 9:27, the people in Tyre and Sidon will be less judgment than the people in Chorazin & Bethsaida because our God makes a judgment in fairness and equity, depending upon the degree of knowledge of Jesus Christ ⁴2 Peter 2:20)</p> <p>23= Capernaum (the headquarters of Jesus' ministries), who are exalted to heaven (who are arrogant or proud) ... down to Hades (Hell); Sodom (pagan city due to great sin punished ⁵Gen 18:20); it would have remained until this day (because they would have repented the very grave sin if they had seen His mighty works)</p> <p>24= more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you (the land of Capernaum will be subject to more harsher judgment than the land of Sodom because of Capernaum's knowledge of Jesus Christ upon their sight of His mighty works; Even if you see a lot of churches, listen to Gospel on SNS, your judgment will be harsher on the day of judgment if you don't repent your sins and you believe in Jesus Christ)</p> <p>25= At that time (when Jesus said to them, simultaneously); Jesus answered and said (Jesus prayed; here we can see His intimate relationship with the Father or His communion with the Father ⁶John 10:38) ; You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent (the wise and prudent people in the sight of the world – religious leaders in Judaism, filled with pride or arrogance, and ready to condemn; blind to God's truths; e.g. caught up in politics or opinions of men, rather than the Bible where God reveals Himself, His son, His plan for our lives and the future ⁷Jeremiah 29:11) ; have revealed them to babes (humble and simple people to receive the truth and rejoice in the truth, child's humble heart, not immaturity ⁸Mat 18:3-5)</p>
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³ Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once. but after this the iudament.

⁴ 2 Peter 2:20For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. they are again entangled in them and overcome. the latter end is worse for them than the beainning.

⁵ Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,

⁶ John 10:38 but if I do. though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

⁷ Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. [(KJV) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (RSV) For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (ESV) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.]

⁸ Mat 18:3-5 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

<p>²⁶ <u>Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.</u></p>	<p>26= good in Your sight (Jesus described God's sovereignty)</p>
<p>²⁷ <u>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 <i>the one</i> to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.</u></p>	<p>27= All things have been delivered to Me by My Father (all authority to Jesus ⁹ <i>Mat 28:18</i>); no one knows the Son except the Father (So, we can't know the Father by ourselves, e.g. Zophar's counsel to Job ¹⁰ <i>Job 11:7</i>); Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son (only through one mediator Jesus Christ, we can know the Father ¹¹ <i>Job 33:23</i>; <i>1 Tim 2:5</i>); the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him (Whomsoever the Son will reveal Him does know the Father, i.e., the Spirit of Christ reveals the Father ¹² <i>John 14:26</i>; vs. Thomas – <i>John 20:27-29</i>)</p>
<p>²⁸ <u>Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.</u></p>	<p>28=Q2 Come to Me (why? In the Bible, God reveals Himself, His son, His plan for our lives and the future; we can know those things only through Jesus Christ ¹³ <i>John 14:6</i>; <i>John 6:38</i>; <i>Heb 1:1-2</i>); heavy laden (what are heavy burdens? BURDEN of (1) Self pleasure – e.g. seek money, drug, alcohol, some new sensation, some new thrill ¹⁴ <i>Phil 4:11-13</i> ; (2) Sin – heavy burden because of sin , e.g., David's adultery ¹⁵ <i>Psalm 51:3-4</i>; <i>1 John 1:9</i>; (3) Excessive religious demands, e.g., a lot of programs in a church ¹⁶ <i>Mathew 23:2-4, 10</i>; (4) Persecution, e.g. Paul & Timothy ¹⁷ <i>2 Cor 1:8-9</i>; (5) spiritual burden – e.g. sight of this fallen</p>

⁹ *Mat 28:18* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁰ *Job 11:7* "Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?"

¹¹ *Job 33:23* "If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness;

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

¹² *John 14:26* But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. *John 20:27-29* Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands (the print of the nails); and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

¹³ *John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.; *John 6:38* For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.; *Heb 1:1-2* God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

¹⁴ *Phil 4:11-13* Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

¹⁵ *Psalm 51:3-4* For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.; *1 John 1:9* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁶ *Mathew 23:2-4, 10* ² saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works: for they say, and do not do. ⁴ For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. ¹⁰ And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. [RSV ¹⁰ Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ.]

¹⁷ *2 Cor 1:8-9* For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

<p>29 <u>Take My yoke</u> upon you and <u>learn from Me</u>, for I <u>am gentle and lowly in heart</u>, <u>and you will find rest for your souls</u>.</p> <p>30 <u>For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.</u>”</p>	<p>world – violence; lies; commercialism, secularism , celebrity, etc. ¹⁸<i>Hab 1;1-3; 3:17-18</i>); I will give you rest (the Lord frees us from all above burdens)</p> <p>29=Q2 Take My yoke (an owner puts a yoke to fit on the shoulders of an ox to pull a cart or plow; I have a plan or purpose for your life or your existence; so, to take My yoke means to submit to His control or to His authority ¹⁹<i>Luke 17:33</i>); learn from Me (follow Me ²⁰<i>Luke 9:23</i>); for (why?) I am gentle and lowly in heart (i.e., let Christ live in you; let Christ, who is gentle and lowly in heart, control your life ²¹<i>Gal 2:20</i>); and you will find rest for your souls (find Sabbath in the Lord of Sabbath; So, 3 steps – (1) Come to Me; (2) Take My yoke; (3) Learn from Me)</p> <p>30=Q3 For (because) My yoke is easy and My burden is light ((1) Who is Jesus? He is God who is omnipotent and omniscient; our controlling life always in an agitated state of unrest because we are so limited power and knowledge, but God the creator has thoughts, plans, wills, or purposes for our lives ²²<i>Jeremiah 29:11</i>); (2) Jesus showed us How He the Son of Man lived on the earth – to please God /to do God’s will e.g. Gethsemane prayer ²³<i>Luke 22:42; John 6:38</i>; our self pleasure life always in an agitated state of unrest because seeking endless pleasure causes heavy burden and exhausted.)</p>
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¹⁸ *Habakkuk 1;1-3* “The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not save. ³ Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises.” *Habakkuk 3:17-18*, “Though the fig tree may not blossom. Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— ¹⁸ Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

¹⁹ *Luke 17:33* Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

²⁰ *Luke 9:23* Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

²¹ *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

²² *Jeremiah 29:11* (above)

²³ *Luke 22:42* saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”; *John 6:38* For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.