

Woes of Judgment and Call of Mercy

Matthew 11:20-30

Christ's power is on display as we look at His words of both _____ and _____! JD Pentecost, in his classic book on the life of Christ, said this concerning the passage, "In view of the rejection evidenced in the previous section, Christ pronounced woe upon the cities in which His miracles had been performed." But let's not miss the wonderful invitation given to all at the end!

I. Judgment Given for Rejection

"Then began he to upbraid (Lit. - _____) the cities wherein most of his _____ were done, because they _____ not:" Matthew 11:20

"mighty works" –

"repented not" –

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the _____, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have _____ long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of _____, than for you." Matthew 11:21-22

"Woe unto thee" –

"Chorazin/Bethsaida" –

"Tyre/Sidon" –

"Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes"/"It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement, than for you." –

"And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the _____, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have _____ until this day. ²⁴ But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of _____, than for thee." Matthew 11:23-24

"Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven" –

“for it the mighty works,..., had been done in Sodom”/“it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.” –

“Capernaum,.....shalt be brought down to hell:” –

II. Explanation of Rejection

“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things (Lit. _____) from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. ²⁷ All things (Lit. _____) are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” Matthew 11:25-27

“O Father, Lord of heaven and earth” –

“wise and prudent” –

“babes” –

“for so it seemed good in thy sight”/“whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” –

Closest and Uniqueness of the Father and Son –

III. Mercy Extended – Choice to be Made

“_____ unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ _____ my yoke upon you, and _____ 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.” Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus describes Himself –

Two “yokes” –

“labor and are heavy laden” –

“easy, and my burden is light” –

Three tasks –

“Come” –

“Take” –

“Learn” –

One Result –

“Rest unto your souls” –

Unbelievers and Believers Application:

1. With spiritual privilege and light comes responsibility and degrees of punishment.

2. We are still in a time of Mercy! Come to Christ, take His yoke, and learn of Him!