

REVELATION & REST

(Matt. Ch.11), Jesus is on a tour of Galilee, preaching in the cities. This is the point where John-Baptist has his moment of doubt. Jesus praises him and explains that he had fulfilled the prophecy of Mal 4:1 – Elijah would come. Jesus pronounces woes upon His generation because they would not believe in Him in spite of the miracles He performed. In Vs 25-30, He discusses those who did receive the revelation and found rest. **Are you tired?**

Vs 25-26	Revelation of Christ
Vs 27	Relationship with Christ
Vs 28-30	Resting in Christ

Revelation of the Divine Plan

Vs 25 – thank you Father – Jesus expresses His gratitude – in contrast to the woes
Vs 25 – hid the gospel & truth from the wise and learned

- Wise/learned – those who already had their own belief system about God/Christ
- Hid – **krupto** – concealed, keep secret – truth only for those willing to receive it

Vs 25 – revealed – **apokalupto** – uncovered, disclose, make known

- Divine revelation – progressive – seed of Abraham, David **à** Jesus Christ
- Illumination – Eph 1:18 – enlighten the eyes of your heart

Vs 25 – Babes – **nepios** – not speaking, little child

- Babes are vulnerable, easily hurt, easily influenced, willing to believe & trust
- Babes don't have their own ideas firmly fixed that reject God's will

Vs 26 – God takes pleasure in hiding Himself from those who think they know & revealing Himself to those who are willing to humble themselves

Relationship with God

Vs 27 – no one knows – **epiginosko** – fully knows; knowledge ready for application

- **Epignosis** is not knowledge about but true knowledge that can be applied to life

Vs 27 – Father – Son – exclusive relationship that must be revealed by God

Vs 27 wills – **ean boulomai** PM Subj – possibility based on the plan of God

- Jesus wills to reveal GF to whosoever believes in Him – salvation
- Jesus wills to reveal GF to those who grow & develop capacity for relationship

Rest from the Burdens of Life

Vs 28-29 Three commands addressed to the weary and burdened; Come to me – I will give you rest
Take my yoke & Learn of me – meek **praus** gentle, kind; lowly **tapeinos** humble

Vs 30 – His yoke is easy and His burden is light

1. JESUS IS DISCUSSING GOD'S PROGRESSIVE REVELATION OF THE DIVINE PLAN

Revelation – **apokalupto** – uncover, make known what was hidden – refers to what God makes known to man about Himself and the plan to redeem fallen man.

- General – that which God reveals to all men through His works/actions - universe
- Specific – detailed information about the divine plan of redemption - scriptures

Inspiration – **theopneustos** - God's revealed truth through words – spoken or written

Illumination – **photizo** – personal insight into the meaning/application of revealed truth

- God's revelation is progressive – more information provided through history
- Seed of woman à Abraham, Isaac, Jacob à Judah à David à Jesus à Return
- Prior to incarnation, there was no specific name to believe in for salvation

2. REVELATION BECOMES ILLUMINATION FOR THE HUMBLE & TEACHABLE

Wise & Learned – experienced & educated – too arrogant to accept the truth

- Preconceived beliefs about Christ – Political & military leader
- Illusion of self sufficiency – dependent upon their own works for +R

Babes – **nepios** – lit not speaking – humble & willing to accept the truth

- Babes have not yet determined that they are wise – know they are in need
- Babes are dependent & rely on the power & provision of parents

3. REVELATION à ILLUMINATION à OPPORTUNITY FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

No one knows - GF, GS & GHS are in an exclusive relationship

GS wills to reveal GF – **boulomai** – the plan of God that was being revealed

- God chose in EP to reveal Himself to those who will accept the revelation/Christ
- Relationship with GF & GS is the key issue in finding rest in this life
- Faith rest is based on a relationship – far more than mechanics

4. 1ST COMMAND – COME TO ME (SALVATION) – CHRIST WILL GIVE US REST

Come to me – to Jewish unbelievers – offer to accept the revelation of Messiah's identity

- Come to me – believe in me – attach your faith to the person of Jesus as your savior

Give you – At salvation Christ gives rest in the form of assurance of salvation

- Rom 8:16 – GHS witnesses to our spirit that we are God's children – Abba Father
- Assurance of eternal security offers inner peace for those who rest in it.

5. 2ND COMMAND - BEL'S SLAVERY/CHRIST & SUBMISSION TO DIVINE AUTHORITY

Take My Yoke – Yoke up with other bel's under Lordship of Christ – obedience

- Take – **airo** A.A.Impv – take up, pick up, put yourself under God's authority
- Active voice – Submission to God's authority is the bel's responsibility

Yoke – **zugos** – wooden harness used to pair up oxen for plowing/pulling; slavery

- Act 15:10; Gal 5:1; 1Tim 6:1 – yoke is metaphor for serving someone as a slave
- Slavery/Christ - serve Him by declaring His message & demonstrating His character
- Inner peace is only achievable when we are in a state of submission to God

6. 3D COMMAND – GROW IN GRACE, KNOWLEDGE, APPLICATION OF MIND/ CHRIST

Learn of Me – **manthano** – disciple – learn face to face by listening & observation

- Eph 5:1 – become imitators of God as beloved children – become a disciple

Gentle & Humble **praus** – considerate, respectful, kind; **tapeinos** – surrendered to God

7. THE REST OF INNER PEACE IS FOUND AS WE LEARN CHRIST BY WALKING GHS.

Find Rest - **eurisko** discover after searching; obtain, realize; see what is already there

Heb 4:1-11 Faith-Rest of the advancing believer attaching faith to God's promises

- God has provided means of victory through discovery & obedience to His will
- Sp. Growth enables believer to find God's solution to every issue in life

Jesus Christ is the historic fulfillment of Messianic prophecy & He has been revealed to the humble who believe in Him. Faith + gospel = salvation which is followed by GHS offering inner peace from assurance/salvation. As we grow in our relationship with Him & GF, we discover His provision for victory over every aspect of life. As we make use of His grace through the faith cycle, GHS produces inner peace allowing us to rest.