

CHOOSE YOUR YOKE

MATTHEW 11:28-30

“COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. ²⁹ TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.”
MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NIV)

WHO IS THIS PASSAGE FOR? _____ PEOPLE.

THE EFFECT, THEN, OF ALL SPIRITUAL LABOR IS TO BRING US TO THIS POINT: TO BE WEARY OF THE WORLD, FOR WE FEEL IT, FOR THE MOST PART, TO BE A VALLEY OF TEARS. J.C. PHILPOT

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT YOKES....

- _____ HAS ONE.

THEY TIE UP HEAVY, CUMBERSOME LOADS AND PUT THEM ON OTHER PEOPLE'S SHOULDERS, BUT THEY THEMSELVES ARE NOT WILLING TO LIFT A FINGER TO MOVE THEM.
MATTHEW 23:4 (NIV)

JESUS REPLIED, “AND YOU EXPERTS IN THE LAW, WOE TO YOU, BECAUSE YOU LOAD PEOPLE DOWN WITH BURDENS THEY CAN HARDLY CARRY, AND YOU YOURSELVES WILL NOT LIFT ONE FINGER TO HELP THEM.
LUKE 11:46 (NIV)

DON'T BE EXCESSIVELY RIGHTEOUS, AND DON'T BE OVERLY WISE. WHY SHOULD YOU DESTROY YOURSELF?
ECCLESIASTES 7:16 (HCSB)

*MY GUILT HAS OVERWHELMED ME
LIKE A BURDEN TOO HEAVY TO BEAR.*
PSALM 38:4 (NIV)

- JESUS OFFERS A YOKE _____.

“FOR I AM GENTLE ... YOU SHALL FIND REST ...MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT”
(MATTHEW 11:29B-30)

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD: BY LOVING GOD AND CARRYING OUT HIS COMMANDS. ³ IN FACT, THIS IS LOVE FOR GOD: TO KEEP HIS COMMANDS. AND HIS COMMANDS ARE NOT BURDENSOME,⁴ FOR EVERYONE BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD. THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. ⁵ WHO IS IT THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD? ONLY THE ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.

1 JOHN 5:2-4 (NIV)

WHO, BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD,
DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE USED TO HIS OWN
ADVANTAGE;

⁷ RATHER, HE MADE HIMSELF NOTHING
BY TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A SERVANT...
PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7 (NIV)

AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS
GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 4:19 (NIV)

- JESUS' YOKE IS _____ MADE.
- IF YOU _____ THE LIGHT YOKE, THE NEXT ONE WILL BE _____.

“THIS IS WHAT THE LORD ALMIGHTY, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAYS: ‘I WILL BREAK THE YOKE OF THE KING OF BABYLON.³ WITHIN TWO YEARS I WILL BRING BACK TO THIS PLACE ALL THE ARTICLES OF THE LORD’S HOUSE THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON REMOVED FROM HERE AND TOOK TO BABYLON. ⁴ I WILL ALSO BRING BACK TO THIS PLACE JEHOIACHI¹ SON OF JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH AND ALL THE OTHER EXILES FROM JUDAH WHO WENT TO BABYLON,’ DECLARES THE LORD, ‘FOR I WILL BREAK THE YOKE OF THE KING OF BABYLON.’”

JEREMIAH 28:2-4 (NIV)

HE SAID, “AMEN! MAY THE LORD DO SO! MAY THE LORD FULFILL THE WORDS YOU HAVE PROPHESIED BY BRINGING THE ARTICLES OF THE LORD’S HOUSE AND ALL THE EXILES BACK TO THIS PLACE FROM BABYLON... BUT THE PROPHET WHO PROPHESIES PEACE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS ONE TRULY SENT BY THE LORD ONLY IF HIS PREDICTION COMES TRUE.”

JEREMIAH 28:6-8 (NIV)

AFTER THE PROPHET HANANIAH HAD BROKEN THE YOKE OFF THE NECK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH, THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JEREMIAH: ¹³ “GO AND TELL HANANIAH, ‘THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS: YOU HAVE BROKEN A WOODEN YOKE, BUT IN ITS PLACE YOU WILL GET A YOKE OF IRON.

JEREMIAH 28:12-13 (NIV)

- THE _____ WE LEARN THIS LESSON, THE _____.

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE WE ARE NOT CONSUMED,
FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL.

²³ THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

²⁴ I SAY TO MYSELF, "THE LORD IS MY PORTION;
THEREFORE I WILL WAIT FOR HIM."

²⁵ THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHOSE HOPE IS IN HIM,
TO THE ONE WHO SEEKS HIM;

²⁶ IT IS GOOD TO WAIT QUIETLY
FOR THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.

²⁷ IT IS GOOD FOR A MAN TO BEAR THE YOKE
WHILE HE IS YOUNG.

²⁸ LET HIM SIT ALONE IN SILENCE,
FOR THE LORD HAS LAID IT ON HIM.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-28 (NIV)

GOD USES BROKEN THINGS. IT TAKES **BROKEN SOIL** TO PRODUCE A CROP, **BROKEN CLOUDS** TO GIVE RAIN, **BROKEN GRAIN** TO GIVE BREAD, **BROKEN BREAD** TO GIVE STRENGTH. IT IS THE **BROKEN ALABASTER BOX** THAT GIVES FORTH PERFUME. IT IS **PETER, WEeping BITTERLY**, TURNS TO GREATER POWER THAN EVER. (VANCE HAVNER)

APPLICATION: _____ YOUR YOKE!