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Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 70. I Will Give You Rest – Matthew 11:20-30

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We learned previously in chapter 11 that John the Baptist was having doubts about Christ because He had not fulfilled the expectation that the Messiah would judge the wicked. Of course, Jesus will eventually come back as Judge and condemn the lost, and in our text today we learn that those in the most danger of severe judgment were those who had seen and heard what He was doing in Galilee.

- I. Judgment – vs. 20-24
 - A. Mighty Works
 1. Centurion's servant healed – Matt. 8:5-13
 2. Peter's Mother-in-law healed – Matt. 8:14-15
 3. Demons cast out and diseases healed – Matt. 8:16; 9:1-8, 32-33
 4. Jairus' daughter raised from the dead – Matt. 9:18-26
 5. Two blind men given sight – Matt. 9:27-31
 - B. Indifference and Unbelief
 1. Not listening to or obeying the Word of God – 2 Kings 22:13
 2. Making light of truth – Matt. 22:5
 3. Life as usual – Luke 17:26-30
 - C. Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom
 1. Paganism and Baal worship, Jezebel
 2. King of Tyre was so evil he is compared to Satan – Ezek. 28:11-15
 3. The Sins of Sodom – Ezekiel 16:49
 - a. Pride – Isa. 14:13-15
 - b. Plenty – Rev. 3:14-22
 - c. Procrastination – Eph. 5:16; 2 Thess. 3:6-12
 - d. Poor Neglected – Luke 4:18; 7:22
 - e. Perversion – Gen. 19:11
 - D. Five Truths about Judgment
 1. There will be a judgment
 2. There are degrees of punishment
 3. The worst sin of all is unbelief – it calls God a liar
 4. Seeing and hearing increases accountability – Luke 12:48; Heb. 10:26-27
 5. God does not have to save anyone! And yet, God is merciful...
- II. Mercy – vs. 25-30
 - A. Praise for Providence – vs. 25-27 – CHS Quote #1
 1. Revelation – Rom. 9:15-16, 18; 1 Cor. 2:9-10
 2. Hidden – there can never be enough evidence to convince the confirmed unbeliever – John 12:37-40
 3. Babes – helpless, unable, dependent – Matt. 18:3
 4. According to God's Pleasure – Eph. 1:3-6
 5. All things delivered by the Father – this speaks to authority – John 6:37, 65 – MLuther Quote #2
 - B. The Invitation to Come – vs. 28
 1. An invitation to all – Matt. 22:14
 2. An invitation to those burdened by sin
 3. An invitation to trust and obey – John 6:35
 4. "I Will Give You Rest"
 - a. Rest frees us from that which wearies – Gal.6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13

- b. Rest is a trusting confidence – Phil. 1:6
- c. Rest is leaning on, depending upon – Phil. 4:19
- C. Salvation Requires Submission – vs. 29
 - 1. Take My Yoke – Matt. 28:19-20
 - a. Submit to Me – He is the master, we are His slaves – 1 Cor. 6:19-20
 - b. Learn from Me - He is the teacher and He is the lesson – Eph. 4:21
 - 2. Jesus is Gentle and Lowly in Heart
 - a. His burden is easy because HE carries it! – Gal. 2:20
 - b. His load is light because obedience to Him brings joy – 1 John 5:3
 - 3. Rest for Your Souls – CHS Quote #3
- D. Easy and Light – vs. 30 – 2 Tim. 1:12

Quotes

CHS Quote #1 - “Sovereign grace in the answer to abounding guilt.”

M Luther Quote #2 - “Here the bottom falls out of all merit, all powers and abilities of reason or the free will men dream of, and it all counts nothing before God. Christ must do and must give everything.”

CHS Quote #3 - “First, we rest by faith in Jesus, and next we rest through obedience to Him. We shall not only rest from the guilt of sin – which He gives us; but we shall rest in the peace of holiness, which we find through obedience to Him”

Cross References

2 Kings 22:13

13 “Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

Matthew 22:5

5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

Luke 17:26-30

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Ezekiel 28:11-15

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 12 “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The

sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Ezekiel 16:49

49 Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Isaiah 14:13-15

13 For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Revelation 3:14-22

14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ”

Ephesians 5:16

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; 8 nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, 9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

Luke 4:18

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Luke 7:22

22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Genesis 19:11

11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

Luke 12:48

48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Hebrews 10:26-27

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Romans 9:15-16

15 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Romans 9:18

18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

John 12:37-40

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.”

Matthew 18:3

3 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.

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

John 6:37

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

John 6:65

65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

Matthew 22:14

14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

John 6:35

35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Galatians 6:9

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

Philippians 1:6

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Ephesians 4:21

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Galatians 2:20

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.

1 John 5:3

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

2 Timothy 1:12

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Hebrews 7:25

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.