

Learn From Me

Matthew 11:28-30

Introduction

1. Jesus invites us to follow Him.
2. In so doing He says that we will give us rest for our souls.
3. With such a great blessing also comes great responsibility, for in following Jesus we must also *Learn from Him*.
4. In this lesson we are going to discuss the significance of what it means to *learn from Him*.

Discussion

I. Learning from Jesus as a Christian.

- A. A Disciple is a Learner is a Follower is a Disciple.
 1. To become a Christian is to be committed to learning all that Jesus has to offer.
 2. Matt. 28:20: This is the natural result of obeying the gospel.
 3. John 8:31-32: It was to those who were devoted to His words that Jesus said, “*You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*”
- B. Only by following Christ can we have access to the Father
 1. John 14:6: “*No one comes to the Father except through Me.*”
 2. We come to the Father through Him on many levels:
 - a. By entering the covenant which He established.
 - b. By worshipping God in His name (Heb. 13:15).
 - c. By being cleansed by His blood (Eph. 2:13).
 - d. By walking through the narrow gate by means of imitating Him (Matt. 7:13-14; Eph. 2:10; 1 John 2:6).
 3. Thus, no man or woman can come to the Father except that they become followers of Jesus Christ.
 - a. Only He is the way
 - b. Only He is the truth
 - c. Only He is the life.

II. Learning the Proper Perspective

- A. Eph. 2:10: God determined that we should walk in Christ, even before the foundation of the world.
 1. Before the earth was created in Gen. 1:1, there was eternity.
 - a. In eternity, there was the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: the fullness of Deity (Col. 2:9).
 - b. At some point, spiritual beings were created (Angels, cherubim, seraphim, etc.).
 - c. Then, the earth was created and finally, man.
- B. “*No Man Has Ascended To Heaven...*” (John 3:13).
 1. It is easy for us to get so caught up in this life that we forget that there is an existence far greater than this.
 2. All we know is that this physical existence is all there is, because it is all we have ever experienced.
 3. But Jesus takes our limited vision and opens our eyes to reality:
 - a. He did not originate on the earth as we have.
 - b. He existed in heaven before this life was created!
 - c. He came to earth, having been in the presence of the Father (Phil. 2:6).
 4. When He speaks of the kingdom, He speaks from firsthand experience:

- a. When He says to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33), He speaks from firsthand knowledge of what it will be like.
 - b. When He says to “*lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven*” (6:21), It is because He knows firsthand how much better heaven is than this life!
- C. “*Learn from Me*”
- 1. It is with this firsthand knowledge that Jesus is able to say to us, “*Learn from Me*.”
 - 2. He knows what it takes; He’s been there.
 - 3. He knows what we must do; for even before creation God determined that we would walk in Him.
 - 4. Therefore, He speaks to us as more than just a leader and king.
 - 5. He is speaking as a guide who is personally showing us, through His own example, the way to the kingdom of heaven.

III. What Must We Learn?

- A. Where to focus our eyes.

 - 1. Jesus endured the cross because He had His eyes fixed “*on the joy that was set before Him*” (Heb. 12:2).
 - 2. As our example, He shows us that that joy is worth far more than anything in this life.
 - 3. When temptation and fear begin to drive us back to our past sins, we must keep our eyes focused on the prize.
 - 4. Luke 9:62: Jesus shows us that looking ahead is a necessity if we want to enter the kingdom.
 - 5. Phil. 3:13-14: Paul taught us to do this very thing: “*forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead...*”

- B. “*For I am gentle and lowly in heart*.”

 - 1. In showing us the way, Jesus teaches us to have great humility.
 - 2. There is no room in the kingdom for arrogance.
 - 3. Even Jesus, who is the Son of the Living God, Lord, and King, humbled Himself as a servant (Phil. 2:7-8).
 - 4. Remember, by His example He leads the way for us.
 - a. Many frown on the thought that God would actually expect us to become lowly servants.
 - b. It is not too much for us to humble ourselves before God, seeing that God Himself became our servant!
 - 5. Matt. 20:28; 23:11: Jesus is the greatest because He was a servant to all in that He died for all on the cross!
 - 6. In so doing, He shows us the proper way to view our own lives on this earth (1 John 3:16; Matt. 5:3-5).

- C. “*His own special people, zealous for good works*” (Titus 2:14).

 - 1. Eph. 2:10: This was God’s purpose before the foundation of the world.
 - 2. This is a godly characteristic; one that we must have if we are going to be in the presence of God.
 - 3. John 6:38; 10:32: When Jesus came to the earth His entire life was committed to doing the will of God; to doing good works.
 - 4. He lived that kind of life because that is the kind of life every person lives who has his/her home in heaven!
 - a. Those who are committed to doing good works belong in heaven.
 - b. Those who are not committed to doing good works do not belong in heaven.
 - c. Good works are not works that sound good to us, but they are works that are determined by God; works that are good are works that are of the will of God.

5. “*For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and My mother*” (Mark 3:35).
 - D. “*True worshippers*” (John 4:23-24).
 1. Heb. 5:7: Even though He was “*God with us*” (Matt. 1:23), Jesus showed us the importance of worshipping God.
 2. All things in existence bring honor to God.
 3. Thus, even though Jesus was not created, we are able to learn from Him because He teaches us how to honor God with our very lives.
 4. When we honor God with our lives, then the worship that we lift up to Him will also bring Him honor.
 5. Our worship not only gives God the glory that is due Him, it also reminds us how we must live before Him.
 6. Thus, Jesus worshiped the Father while on this earth, setting an example for all who desire to be in His presence.
 7. Revelation chapter 5: This scene ought to emphasize the importance of worship.
 8. What person thinks that he/she can enter into the kingdom if their hearts are not committed to true worship?
 9. Heb. 13:15: Jesus not only shows us the importance of true worship, but He makes it possible for us to worship God.
 - a. Praise to God through songs and through prayer.
 - b. Giving thanks.
 - c. Doing good and sharing.

Conclusion

1. If we want to enter the kingdom then we must truly be committed to learning from Jesus.
2. He is the way, not only through His sacrifice, but through His example as well (walk as He walked).
3. There is no room in the kingdom for grumpy people, selfish people, people who do not like singing and praying, or people who are not fully committed to doing good works.
4. So that we may enter the kingdom, let us learn to view life with the perspective that Jesus shows us and let us learn to live in the flesh as if Jesus is living in us.

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