



Outline - Sunday, July 16, 2017

Sermon Title: “The King’s Call to Rest, The Gospel to the Sinner and the Saint”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

1. Three *essential* examining questions leading to the indictment of the impenitent. Matt 11:2-24
 - a. Jesus: *Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?* Matt 11:2/John 1:29-34; 3:26-30 /Luke 7:19-23/Is 29:18-19; 35:4-6; 42:1-9; 61:1-2a
 - b. John: *What went ye out into the wilderness to see?* 7-15/Matt 14:3-5/Luke 1:76/Mal 3:1; 4:5
 - c. Jews: *But whereunto shall I liken this generation?* 16-19/ 12:34/ 23:33
 - d. Judgment: Present condemnation and impending judgment. Lam. 4:6/Matt 10:14-15/ Mark 6:11

2. Jesus *enthusiastically* exalts the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe: who **reveals** and conceals. v 25-26
 - a. The *response* to impenitence: gratitude toward God. (He responds to **God**)
 1. “Father” – *Pater*; a Phileo *address*. Mark 14:36/Luke 10:21; 22:42
 2. “Lord of Heaven & Earth” – Highest Rank *acknowledged*. Gen 14:18-19/Deut 10:14/Is 66:1
 - b. The *reason* for such response: distinguishing grace in salvation.
 1. Wise & prudent – concealed. Is 5:21; 29:10-14, 18-19/Mark 4:10-12/1 Cor 1:18-26
 2. Babes (elect) – Revealed. John 1:12-14/John 6:44-45/Rom 9:13-24/1 Cor. 1:27
 - c. The *reality* of such response: *it seemed* good for God to discriminate. Ps 115:3/Luke 10:21/Rom 9:18

3. Jesus is *entrusted* everything by His Father: In order to **Rule** Absolutely. v 27
 - a. The *possession* of all things: Given by the Father to His Son. Ps 110:1/1 Cor 15:25-27/Heb 2:8-10
 - b. The *divine persons* of the trinity: a mystery. Prov 30:4/John 1:18/6:46
 - c. The *prerogative* of the Son: to reveal that mystery (like Father, like Son). - John 17:1-3, 6, 25-26

4. Jesus *evangelically* entreats sinners to come to him: for **rest** for the soul. v 28-30
 - a. A particular *call*: “**come unto me ...all you that labor...heavy laden...**” Is 45:22-25/ Is 55:1-3/Gen 3:17-19/Ps 32:1-4/Is 1:4
 - b. A promise of *consolation*: “**I will give you rest.**” Jer 6:16/Rom 5:1
 - c. Found in a saving knowledge of the person of Christ's *Character* “**for I am meek and lowly in heart.**” Matt 5:5/Phil 2:1-11