

I Will Give You Rest

Matthew 11:20-30

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Jesus denounced the cities where he had performed most of his miracles, because they had not turned to God – Korazin, Behsaida, and even Capernaum. Capernaum! Jesus had lived in Capernaum. He knew those people. They were his friends and neighbors. "You, Capernaum," Jesus said, "will you be exalted to heaven? No. You will be sent down to Hades. If the miracles done in you had been done in Sodom, those wicked people would have turned from their sins, and Sodom, instead of being destroyed in a hailstorm of burning sulfur, would still be with us today. I tell you, on the Day of Judgment it will be more bearable for Sodom than it will be for you."

Jesus prayed, "Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You have hidden important things from those who consider themselves to be sophisticated and learned. Instead you have revealed your plans and purposes to plain, ordinary people."

Then Jesus said, "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one really knows the Son except the Father, and no one really knows the Father except the Son and those with whom the Son has shared his knowledge so that they might know the Father too."

"Are you weary? Are you carrying a heavy burden? Are you weighed down by the yoke of the Mosaic Law with all its commands and regulations? Come to me, and I will give you rest. Pick up my yoke, and put it on. My yoke is founded in love and mercy. It's easy to carry; it's load is light. Learn from me; my compassion will support you; and you will find the rest you need."