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A GRACIOUS PROMISE

Matthew 11:28-30

Promise, an act of grace. God owes us only death for sins. Love sent Christ to save us and to heal our wounds, woes.
INT: Strange: Would think all men would flee to Christ's side.
 Condition: Some who need such care fail to respond to call.

I WHO MAKES THE INVITATION, PREACHER OR CHRIST?

- A. Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Matthew 17:5.
- B. Who else is interested enough in us to die for us?
- C. Who else could pay the price and redeem mankind.
 - 1. Moses made the offer. Ex. 32:32. Paul also. Rom. 9:3.
- D. Pure and wicked deception coming from any other source.

II WHO DOES CHRIST MAKE THE PROMISE TO, THE GOOD OR THE BAD?

- A. Only qualification is to heavy laden. Burdened with sin.
- B. Those who would hide behind smug conceit not invited.
 - 1. The egoist is too blind to see his need of any help.
- C. Those who want no strings attached are not included.
 - 1. The individualist will have to suffer his fate alone.
- D. Promise is only to those who admit failure and seek help.

III WHAT DOES JESUS PROMISE, A VACATION OR A PLAN OF LIFE?

- A. Promise includes two things: Rest of soul, work for body.
- B. Burdens come to us from many varied sources.
 - 1. Some oppressive weights are self imposed.
 - a. Indifference to the Lord brings a faltering life.
 - b. Hasty actions only aggravates one's worries.
 - c. Unchecked bad habits increase misery and depression
 - 2. Some burdens are heaped on us by others.
 - a. Friends sometimes talk too much, get us in trouble.
 - b. Enemies sometimes seek a way to cause us alarm.
 - c. Circumstances worry us. War, depression, drought.
 - 3. Some burdens are sent us by the Lord to bless us.
 - a. Struggle to save our own soul is our own battle.
 - b. Anxiety over the souls of others, weight us down.
 - c. Services of the church a duty to keep us humble.
- C. Christ's promise includes: Help with our own sins, guard to keep others from hurting us, strength to obey Him.

IV. WHEN DOES CHRIST PROMISE REST, NOW OR IN THE OTHER WORLD?

- A. Rest is ours when we "come unto Him". I Pet. 5:7.
 - 1. When can a doctor ease our pain? Not till see him.
- B. Rest comes with his yoke; take our new plan for life and peace of mind comes automatically. Something definite.
- C. Relaxation comes when we let Him be our life's partner.

INV: Who does not desire peace and rest? B-R-C-B - R-P.