



Chapter 11:20-30

Matt. 11:20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

Matt. 11:21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matt. 11:22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

Matt. 11:23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matt. 11:24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Matt. 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

Matt. 11:26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Matt. 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Matt. 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt. 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Observations & Discussion

1. Uncle Ben told Peter Parker, “*with great **power** comes great responsibility.*” Many believe that Stan Lee was inspired by Jesus who taught that with great **privilege** comes great responsibility (ref. Luke 12:48b). How does this truth apply to the cities that Jesus rebuked?
2. What was the sin of Capernaum & how is it **greater** than the sin of Sodom?
3. Based on your response to the two previous questions what is the **application & warning** to your life specifically and to the people in the United States in general?
4. In vss. 25-27 what truth(s) has the Father revealed to “babes”? Who do you think Jesus had in mind when He spoke about “babes”? Who do you think Jesus had in mind when He spoke of the “wise and prudent”? Which are you?
5. In vs. 27 Jesus makes what sounds like some audacious claims: that He alone knows the Father & that He alone can make the Father known! What does He mean & what are the implications of His claims to mankind’s search for God?
6. In vs. 27 we read that the Father is only revealed to those the Son chooses, which might lead us to think that God is arbitrary in His selection of a favored few. How then can we be sure that His call to repentance & salvation is universal—that is for every person?