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CHRIST'S YOKE ASSURANCE

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ--

“He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, he also hears their cry and saves them“.
{Psalm 145:19}

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” {Matthew 11:25-27]

DO YOU WANT to know the mind and thoughts of God? **Jesus** thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does **Jesus'** prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” {Matthew 11:28] **Jesus** invites you and I. It is a call to completely trust your **Savior Jesus Christ**. What an amazing passage of Scripture! It has been a comfort to me and I pray a comfort to you.

THE PEOPLE OF **Jesus** day and the people of today **carry** burdens. It can be from outside them or it can be one that they produce themselves. The religious leaders of **Jesus** day placed heavy burdens on the people in terms of religious obligations. The worries in their day and our day can be quite burden as well.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.” {Matthew 11:29} What is it to take the yoke of Christ? To take Christ’s yoke is to commit ourselves to universal obedience to Christ from love to him, sympathy with him, and confidence in him. *This is no doubt to the true idea of taking Christ’s yoke upon us.* You know through faith in your Savior and know the blessing of the yoke of Jesus Christ: it is unlike the way of the world; it brings the rest that people really need.

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” {Matthew 11:30} Christ’s yoke is easy because it is not only agreeable, but in the highest degree useful to ourselves, to our friends, to the world, to the kingdom of Christ. Christ’s yoke is easy because it is love’s yoke.

LET US COME to Him daily, for deliverance from wrath and guilt, from sin and Satan, from all our cares, and sorrows. But **forced obedience, far from easy and light, is a HEAVY BURDEN.** Then come to **Jesus** to find **rest for your souls.**

Amen

IN HEAVEN!

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