

## LEARNING FROM JESUS

**“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt 11:25-30)**

Question - How are you?

Answer - Fine!

The truth, however, is that you may not be fine at all. You may be suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. You may have serious problems in your home or business, or with your finances or family. You answer “fine” because you do not want to reveal yourself to only a casual friend.

God is the same way. He hides Himself from some (Is. 45:15), but reveals Himself to others. The key to knowing God is not power, wealth, or intelligence, but seeking Him with your whole heart. **“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jer. 29:13)** Or consider 2 Chron. 16:9: **“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”**

God does not reveal Himself to those who are only casual friends, but He promises a special relationship to those who are willing to take His yoke. Sometimes, as in 2 Cor. 6:14, a yoke is used to symbolize marriage. Since marriage is the ultimate expression of intimacy, perhaps this is what He had in mind. Those who are willing to take His yoke will not just learn “about” Him, they will learn “from” Him.

Even though the disciples were like “babes”, they learned lessons from Jesus that were hidden from the “wise and prudent”. Jesus said it like this: **“Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given” (Matt. 13:11).**

The theological implications of this concept are far reaching and profound. The deep secrets and hidden manna are not necessarily for those will brilliant minds. The Scriptures state explicitly that the world in its wisdom did not know God (1 Cor. 1:21). In 1 Cor. 2:9, 10, Paul wrote: **“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”**

Even angels, which are greater in power and might than men, could not fathom or understand what God was going to do (1 Pet. 1:12). His eternal plan, however, was revealed unto a select band of dedicated disciples who were willing to deny themselves and take up His yoke.

When Jesus ascended to heaven He promised that He would not leave His disciples like orphans, but would send them another “comforter” who would be with them forever (John 14:16). The Greek word translated as “comforter” is “paraklesis) which literally means a calling to one’s side (para - beside; kaleo - to call).

This wonderful promise was not just for the apostles, but for all who would take His yoke upon them.

**“Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things” (2 Tim. 2:7).**

**“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1 John 5:20)**

When you take His yoke, you can learn “from” Him.!