

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me

"Everything has been given up to me by my Father and no man knows The Son except The Father only; also no man knows The Father except The Son only, and he to whom The Son desires to reveal him. Come unto me, all of you who labor and are forced to bear burdens, and I shall give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am peaceful and meek in my heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is pleasant and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:27-30 (translated from the Peshitta)

Read Mt 11:30 in context with 27-29. Yeshua invites us to come to Him and give Him our burdens and take His yoke. He does not ask us to bear His burden, but He makes our burdens His own, and carries the weight of all, as He wears His yoke which we share by taking it upon ourselves- a double yoke, of a sort, yet He is not only as close as to be right next to us, but within us, giving us His strength to bear all the weight we pull.

This is what He reveals concerning His Father and Himself when we come to Him and experience Life in Him and Him in us. We learn that He never gives burdens and tasks for us to bear which He is not going to share and carry Himself with us every day of our lives. We are really passengers along for the ride. The real benefit of this yoke is that we are called to be so close to Him and to learn from Him and of Him and His Father- so close as to be one with Him and His Father, thus experiencing the eternal timeless Life of God. See John 17:1-3 & 22-26 also.

Think of Simon the Cyrenian carrying Yeshua's Cross with Yeshua, as "The Passion of The Christ" depicts it. There is nothing more horrible than the idea of carrying a cross to an execution site, especially one's own; yet Simon could not have had a greater honor or blessing than this- to bear the cross with The Messiah right next to Him, Who was bearing all things, all people, all sin, all the suffering and death of the universe of all time and eternity. Who was helping whom? Who was bearing a burden? Yet He allows us to come as close as this, and then lets us see God in His bleeding face and wounds and asks entrance into our heart.

What is most amazing about his words in Matthew 11 is that He says: "My yoke is pleasant and my burden light". Even the weight of the world's sin, sorrow and death is a pleasant and light burden to Him because of the almighty love and power He has for us, and the joy of the salvation He has wrought for the world.

No man ever spoke like this man! John 7:46

That is because He is The Life, The Way and The Truth. None can come to His Father but through Him.

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Blessings in The Name of Yeshua The Messiah

