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### “A Place of Rest” (Matt. 11:28)

Most of us have been physically tired at times and have felt the need of rest for our weary bodies. People often take a vacation to ‘*get away from it all*’ only to find they are more tired when they get home than when they left. The fact that we need physical rest serves to remind us our minds need rest as well as our bodies.

While we often run here and there trying to find peace and rest, Jesus says so simply and calmly, “**Come unto me..., ...and I will give you rest.**” You see, there is a place of rest; a place of quietness and peace which can only be found in our Saviour. God’s children often look in the wrong place to find this rest and cannot because it does not exist among the elements of this sin cursed world. Matthew 11:28-30 is a place of rest when we find ourselves spoken of as “**all ye that labour and are heavy laden.**” I have this week been trying to comfort an older lady who is troubled in her mind as to where she will spend eternity. She understands much of her condition, even to the point of her own unworthiness. However, she is having a difficult time (due in large part to some physical issues) being able to have any assurance in knowing her Lord loves her and heaven will be her home. She even knows the aspect of hope, yet sees her shortcomings in service to God as if the Lord surely could not love her because of her lack of having served Him as she should. Now she fears it is too late, as disease is attacking her ability to do what she thinks is necessary for eternal life. She is as one who is sorrowing because she feels to have no hope.

Verse 29 is such comfort, “**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.**” Please join with me in prayer for this lady as she struggles with true understanding amidst the troubles of a disease which debilitates the mind. Whether she ever is able to mentally understand the comforting message of the grace of God or not, there is coming a day when she will understand it better, by and by. Till then, may we all bow at the knees of our Saviour as we seek rest for our souls. “**Think About IT!**”

