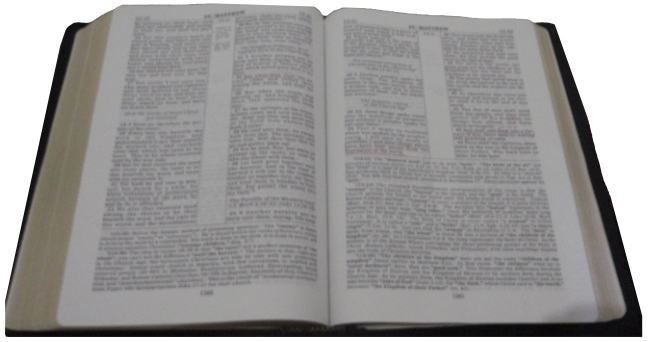
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Matthew
11

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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11:1-He departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

- Eph. 4:11- In the end of the Church age it will be pastors who preach and teach

- For what reason?

- Eph. 4:12- for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

11:1- in their cities

- Jesus preached in the cities of the disciples

- Jesus is forcing the disciples to make a stand in their own cities where they live, their families, their friends.

- Are you going to speak up for Christ or you going to shut your mouth like most Christians.

- Jer. 20:9- Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his mane. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

- How many times have you been around your friends and family, and you shut your mouth, and what happened?

- His word was as a burning fire in my bones.

- If your going to do anything for God you have to get over the fear of your family and friends.

- When God called me to preach the first thing he told me to do was go to my home town of 12,000 and preach on the street corner.

- That was the hardest thing I have ever had to do.

- It took me 45 minutes to get up the courage to get out of the truck and preach on that street corner.

- That was 39 years ago, now I am a missionary to Zimbabwe Africa.

- What is God going to do with you

- And his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones.

- He departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

11:3- It looks like John is doubting

- John is not doubting

- The Lord is very careful to correct someone it they have that idea

- 11:7- There is nothing wishy washy about John

- 11:8- Soft raiment- soft feminine character

- That is not John

- So what is John doing?

- You have to go to **11:5-6** to understand it.

11:4- Shew John again - He has been shown before.

11:6- PS- And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me.

- Verse 6 is Johns trouble- John was offended

- John is getting tired of being in Jail

- John knows Jesus is the Messiah.

- John knows the kingdom is coming but there is not kingdom.

- He is preaching the kingdom is coming and I am in jail and where is the kingdom.

- 11:3- John is putting pressure on Christ

- Art thou he or look we for another.

- John's not doubting he is offended

11:7- Notice when Christ speaks he doesn't run John down for being inpatient he stands up for you

- He said to Johns enemies: what went ye out to see, a reed shaken by the wind

- John wasn't, he wasn't flexible or bending

- John was strong for his lord.

11:8- Soft raiment is the same word used in 1 Cor. for effeminate

- 1Cor. 6:9

- John is not with the wealthy elite or the blue bloods

11:9- A prophet

- John is heading up of the prophets

- John is the last of the prophets

11:10- Mal. 3:1

- Isa. 40:3

- Are you tired of running and fighting

- Come unto me and you will find rest.

- That burden of sin can be lifted.

11:30- For my yoke is easy

- Satan tries to make you think it isn't.

- Christ yoke is easy compared to Satan's yoke, or the yoike of the world.

- How about the yoke of the self righteous.

- Grace is easier than works.

11:11- He also said this about the kingdom of God

- Lk. 7:28

- There are 2 ways to handle this.

1- The kingdom of God

- A man in the Church age is better than John because he has been born again.

- John wasn't born again.

- Were in Christ John is not

- We are adopted as a son of God John was not a son of God

- A man in the Church age has greater opportunities than John the Baptist.

- Johns ministry is limited to Palestine about 30 square miles

- We can go anywhere

- We have the advanced revelation that John did not have.

2- The kingdom of Heaven

- In the kingdom of Heaven when the Lord comes back and reigns a man in the kingdom of heaven will be greater because

A - The king will be on the throne

- When John was alive the king was not on the throne and that is what made John worried.

- John is in jail and the king is about to get crucified.

B - In the Millennial kingdom there will be no unclean spirits on the earth

- The unclean spirits are out of the land

- Zech.13:2

C- The devil is chained 1000 years

- Rev. 20:1-3

- The devil is loose when John is alive

- So a man in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist and a man in this age is greater than John.

11:11- Among them that are born of women

- We are not born of women we are born of God

11:12- The kingdom of heaven doesn't belong to the Jews it belongs to the Romans

- The kingdom of heaven is not Johns and Christ it to the violent, and the violent take it by force.

- The kingdom of heaven has suffered since Nebuchadnazar to the time of Christ

- The kingdom of heaven that is promised to the Jew has been taken by the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks and the Romans.

- Christ says John the Baptist because that's who he was talking about in **11:7-10**

- Here's how you know that

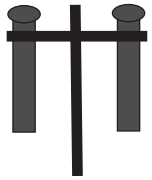
- Mohammad or Buddha- No

- Nobody has ever dared talk like that.

- Christ is saying if you labour and our heavy laden come unto me and **I will give you rest.**

- Heavy laden with sin, and guilt.

11:29- Yoke is in the shape of a cross



- The Lord is saying get in the yoke with me and we will pull together.

- Notice Christ didn't say learn of me because I am the smartest man in the world, which he was.

- Or I know the original Greek and Hebrew.

- Christ said learn of me because I am meek and lowly in heart, his inside

11:29- Ye shall find rest unto your souls.

- You can have rest for the first time in your life

- Very few commentaries ever talk about what Christ thought about smart people.

- Christ like to mess up people that pride themselves on how smart they are.

- Job 5:13

11:27- This is one the greatest verses on the Deity of Christ.

- This is Christ himself professing to be deity.

- Jesus claims to have the power to reveal God to the sinner.

- And claims to have power to prevent a sinner from coming to God

- He claims absolute authority over heaven and hell in this passage.

11:28- A great passage

11:28- Come unto me- not my teachings
- not my church
- sacraments

- Only Jesus Christ could make this statement and people believe it.

- Can you imagine someone in your own town standing up and saying “come unto me”

- No one would believe him.

11:28- I will give you rest

- Only Jesus could say that everybody else would be laughed at.

11:13- John is the mark of the end of the OT dispensation

- Christ is the beginning of the New Testament

- There is an intermediate period.

- There is a period between Johns death and Mt. 26 that nobody can identify

- Because the Law is still in effect but Christ said this is my blood of the New Testament

- Mt. 26:28

- But it’s not in effect till he dies on the cross in **Mt. 27**

- You have a gap between John the Baptist until Grace is found out **Acts 8** and settled in **Acts 15**

- So almost all false doctrine comes from the time of Johns death to the Ethiopian Eunuch.

11:14- Elias = Elijah

Elias- Greek to English

Elijah- Hebrew to English

11:15- Is a warning

- You need to take heed to what he just said

- He said this was Elijah when it wasn’t actually

- We will discuss this later.

11:16- But whereunto shall I liken this generation

- Christ is always looking for a similitude or illustration

11:16-17- Its like children playing games out in the street and one kid sits down and gets out his flute and plays and nobody dances.

- So he makes a mock funeral and nobody laments or mourns

- They won't play

- He makes an illustration and applies it

11:18- John wouldn't play with them he wouldn't eat or drink with them

- They say he has a devil because he won't get along with them

11:19- Son of man came eating and drinking

- Christ got in with them

- They said he was gluttonous and a wine bibber.

- They wouldn't except both.

- Their hypocrites

- The Lord gave it to them one way and they wouldn't take it so he gave it to them another way and they wouldn't take it either.

- You pharisees want this strict diet and regulation ok here is John the Baptist.

- They said he's got a devil

- So he sent another who set down and ate and drank with them

- They said he was a friend of publican and sinners a glutten and a wine bibber a drunk

- When your looking at mountains it like looking at Mt. Zion with New Jerusalem at the top of it.

- When you look at fire your looking at the place where you ought to spend eternity.

- Next time you look at a fire imagine someone in it burning and never able to get out.

- That's a horrible thought but that's what's going to happen.

- You would lose your mind.

- You might not the first 1000 years then another and another and then it sets in your not getting out.

- And you lose your mind, you go crazy

- Purgatory is not real.

11:23-24

- These people who are going to get it the hardest are popes and religious leaders.

- These leaders could of reached millions, 100's of millions of lost souls to Christ.

- The Pope will be on TV for hours and never mention **Jh. 3:16**

11:25- This is the only time in the Bible that Jesus rejoiced.

- Lk. 10:21- Parallel passage

- Christ rejoices over God making fools out of the wise.

- So it could be outer darkness is still burning you just can't see it.

- There are 3 things people like to look at.

1- Mountains- their stable, never changing, unmovable.

- Type of Mt. Zion in Heaven

- Mountains don't move they look the same day in and day out, they sit there.

- A mountain will call you, you might not understand it but people flock to mountains

2- Oceans- Are placid and quiet and it doesn't call you.

- The ocean is always moving

- It never looks the same twice

- But it pacifies you and keeps you quiet.

3- Fire- it doesn't pacify your mind but it pacifies your body.

- Your body will relax in front of a fire.

- Hot coals and blue flames at the base you can watch it for hours

- People like fire places in the home just to watch the flame.

- When your looking across that ocean it like looking across the great deep to your home in heaven

11:19- This is the only verse in the Bible that say Jesus drank wine.

- There is no wine in **Mt. 26** the Lords supper.

- He didn't drink any wine at the marriage in **Jh. 2**

- This is the only verse and this is what his enemies said about him.

- Question?

- Was Christ a glutton?- NO

- Was Christ a wine bibber- NO

- Their lying

- They are slandering him like they slander Paul

- Rom. 3:8

- If Jesus was a glutton and a wine bibber then:

- Deu. 21:20-23

- Deu. 21:22-23- Is about Christ

- What their saying is he ought to be hanged and killed.

- This is blasphemy against Christ

- Their saying Jesus deserves to die.

- A Christian has to be moderate

- You don't quit everything and join a monastery and quit eating and drinking

- But at the same time you don't go to bars and drink and fellowship with them.

- You have to have middle ground.

- There has to be separation like John but without fanaticism, moderation

11:19- Wisdom is justified of her children

- Christ is speaking

- It's like he is yawning

- He's saying if you do the right thing you'll be ok

- Wisdom will show you who the people are who are doing right.

11:20- Upbraid = Bawl them out

- To revile them

11:21- Tyre and Sidon could of repented

- Calvinism is not true

- Christ said if they would of had the mighty works in them they would of repented.

- Any man can repent if he wants to.

11:22- ...More tolerable for Tyre and Sidon...than for you

- More tolerable - you can put up with it better.

- People use to say "how you feeling" they would say "tolerable.

- It means I can put up with it.

- Christ is saying at the judgment Tyre and Sidon are going to have it more tolerable than Bethsaida.

- Which indicates different degrees of punishment.

- The Bible clearly indicates different degrees of damnation in eternity.

- Mt. 23:14, 33

- Deu. 32:22- lowest hell

- Ps. 86:13- lowest hell

- This is implying there are different degrees of torment in hell.

- Ps. 140:10

- There is a place called hell

- There is a place called the Bottomless pit

- Cast them into a Furnace of fire

- Reserved unto outer darkness

- Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

- All these figures are used for a fellow going to hell.

- We don't know much about this but it is set up in different degrees of punishment.

- We know some fires you can't see, like when using a bunsen burner, you can't see the flame