

The Son's Father

Matt 11:25-30

Intro:

- Knowing God's Names...
- So many lists and revelations of Him
- God is not "LIKE" anything... a big problem for us
- God WANTS US to know WHO He is...
- But more than that, He wants US to BE with Him
- OT revelations were limited...
- So, God sends HIMSELF... the LOGOS
- Jn 1:18 – the only begotten God...*exegeomai*

I. Things Revealed – 25-27

- Jesus is speaking to several groups here:
 - Vs. 7 – multitudes who had heard John the Baptist
 - Vs. 16 – “this generation” – eating and drinking...
 - Vs. 20ff – cities that had seen His works
- Revealed (*apokalupto*) to babes – In 3 argument
 - Wise and intelligent people can't get this!
 - “All things” – judgment, authority, men...
 - *epiginosko* – full knowledge, by experience
 - Only in and through the SON... He wills and is willing

II. God Revealed

- Theology has made things about God hard...
- Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Omniscience
- Immutability, Self-Existence, Self-Sufficiency
- Unity, Trinity, Godhead, Creeds and Doctrines...
- The FACT is God is revealing HIMSELF...
 - More than what He does
 - More than How He thinks or what He has planned
 - HIMSELF...
 - And the Jews turned it to ritual and form and religion

III. Hope Revealed - 28-30

- Come To Me (*deute*) – imperative... come here!
 - Weary, tired, exhausted with toil or burdens or grief
 - Heavy laden, burden of rites, rituals and precepts
- Take My yoke – (*airo*) to take what has been lifted
 - You do it, God will not impose this on you!
 - His is easy and light! Yours?
- Learn from Me – (*manthano*) learn by use/practice
 - Gentle and Humble of HEART!!!
 - Rest for you souls (*psuche*)

Thoughts:

- Knowing God is re-learning how to think...
- There are things knowable about God
- All are expressed in Jesus fully; Word and Spirit
- Coming to Jesus is NOT an option...
 - If we want understanding and fullness
 - If we want rest from our works of our “religions”
 - If we want freedom from our idols
- His gentle, humble heart waits for yours...