

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: *Matt. 11:28-30*.

B. Regarding the text:

1. This song is entitled, "I heard the voice of Jesus Say." It was written by Horatius Bonar, of Scotland (1808-1889). It was first published in 1846 in his hymnal. It was originally written as a children's hymn. The tune we have was composed by Louis Ludwig Spohr.
2. The hymn is a call for us to listen to the voice of Jesus and reminds us of 3 of His familiar sayings. Because of its appropriate message, it will also be sung as our invitation following this lesson.

I. Vs. 1 – "Come Unto Me."

A. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, (We hear Him through the Word).*

B. *"Come unto Me and rest. Lay down, thou weary one, lay down, thy head upon My breast" (Matthew 11:28-30).*

1. Jesus is calling men to turn to Him to find rest and comfort (**Jeremiah 6:16**). ("Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.")
2. The reference to putting our head on His breast demonstrates dependency and security (**Phil. 1:21** "to die is gain"; **2 Tim. 1:12**). "I know... am persuaded").

C. *I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad.*

1. "As I was" – a phrase that realizes a need (**Acts 2:37; Acts 9:5-6**).
2. Jesus extended the invitation to whoever (**Matthew 10:32-33**).
3. We come to Him, "Just as I am," yet we become new by His blood (**Rom. 6:1-6; Rom. 13:14** "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.")
4. To come broken is what Jesus described as He began the Sermon on the Mount – 'Blessed are the poor in spirit' (**Matthew 5:3**).

D. *I found in Him a resting place* (2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:9** "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.")**

E. *And He has made me glad* (Phil. 4:4** "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.")**

II. VS. 2 – LIVING WATERS.

A. *"Behold I freely give" – available to all (Romans 6:23).*

1. The living water, thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live (**John 4:10-14**).
 2. **Revelation 21:6; ***22:17** “And let him that is athirst **come**. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”)
- B. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream (John 7:37-38 vs 37** “If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”).
- C. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived (Matthew 5:6** “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”)
- D. And now I live in Him (Col. 2:13** “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”)

III. VS. 3 – LIGHT IN THIS WORLD

- A. “I am this dark world’s light” (John 1:4-5; John 9:5** “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”)
- B. Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright (Matthew 4:15-16** “The people which sat in darkness saw great light...” **Isa. 60:1-3**).
- C. I came to Jesus and I found in Him my Star** (the “bright and morning star.” **Rev. 22:16, 2 Peter 1:19**), **my Sun (Rev. 21:23, 22:5** “the Lamb is the light thereof”, **Malachi 4:2** “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.”). Both describe Jesus.
- D. And in the light of life, I’ll walk til traveling days are done (Revelation 2:10** be faithful until death. Paul traveled the Lord’s way (**2 Timothy 4:6-8**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. One of the reasons we sing is to encourage each other.**
- B. We offer and sing an invitation song to encourage us to make ourselves right before Him. Let us hear the voice of Jesus and obey Him.**