**Knowing God**

Matthew 11:25-30

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**Introduction**

 The word ‘science’ comes from the Latin word scientia from Latin verb scire = to know, or knowledge

 There are many disciplines of science today, three categories of science

 1. Natural Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Earth, Astronomy

 2. Social Sciences: Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science,

Economics

 3. Formal Sciences: Mathematics, logic, computer

 Knowledge is gained in different ways depending on the branch of science

 Sometimes complicated and expensive instruments are used James Webb Space

Telescope $10B

 Sometimes through direct observation of participants

 Sometimes through problem solving, modeling, forming theorems

 Other times through just intellectual theorizing - Einstein

 Knowledge of God not gained through science

 No instruments can see God

 No way to directly observe God

 No way model God

 No way to explore recesses of God

 Knowledge of God must come from and be revealed by God, fortunately God has given knowledge

 The Creation declares the glory of God Ps19:1

 Job through direct discourse with God knew God Job 42:1-6

 The Scripture reveals God’s: work, plans, actions, feelings, character

 The gospel of John has much to say about knowing God but we are in Matthew

 Today Jesus in Matthew 11:25-30 says two things about Knowing God

 Books have been written about knowing God

 I do not want to promise you more than I can deliver.

 This is one piece that is important but still only piece.

**Context**

 JS approachd by JTB’s D’s w a Q: RU th Coming One or do we look for another?

 JS replied tell J the things you see and hear 4-6 [Is35:5-6]

 JS thn talkd abt how their gen lik unsatisfied childrn w whoevr God sent – JS or JTB 7-19

 JS condemned cities not respond to His mighty works,mor tolerabl Sodom judgment than 4U …20-24

 JS words lingering in ears of His listeners:

*more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you*

 JS now gives an answer in the form of two things about knowing God

**I. Knowing God … and God’s Sovereignty 25-27**

 A. Jesus answered and said 25a

 this is JS answer to those who have rejected Him, indifferent at His mighty works

 Hebrew idiom meaning speak out openly, see Dn2:20

 B. Jesus and God’s Sovereignty 25b - 26

 Prayer – I thank You 25b

 Prayer Addressee – Father, Lord of heaven and earth 25c [ Father cf 6:9]

 This absolutely sees God as sovereign: He is Lord of heaven and earth

 Hidden these things fm th wise&prudent and revealed them 2babes 25d

 Hidden – the Greek word is κρυπτω [crypto], undecipherable, a hidden

secret of God that only He knows

 These things –

the significance of Jesus miracles in 20-24

 The Messianic age JTB announced and largely unnoticed 10

 The content and full import of Jesus teaching and ministry

 From the wise and prudent – self-sufficient, Jewish leadership, scribes, P’s

 Might think of Is29:13-14 Mt15:8-9/Mk7:6-7 1Co1:18-19

Revealed them 2babes – those who are eager 2lrn and receive 1Pt22,Mt183

 Even so it seemed good in Your sight 26

 God’s right to hide and reveal as He pleases is called ‘good in Your sight’

 God is the One who reveals and conceals!!!

C Jesus and knowing the Sovereign God 27

 Note the sequence of thought – authority also to the Son

All things [all divine knowldg] have been delivered to Me by My Father, and No one knows the Son except the Father

 Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son

 AND the 1to whom the Son wills [His choice]to reveal Him J335 5:22,23,26 819 1015 149 1615

Jesus is the ‘gate’ to knowing God

 Jesus Himself is not fully known except by the Father

 He and He alone knows the Father – fully knows who He is

 And Jesus is the only One who can reveal the Father to others

 This is Jesus’ sovereign choice

 Lesson–if Uhv trbl w sovereignty of God, rd Esther, God nt mntnd but evrywhr prsnt

 I think of John 14:6-11 Philip’s Q to Jesus and J6:44-65

 Prayer reveals our truest thoughts about ourselves, what does your prayer …

**II. Knowing God … and Man’s Responsibility 28-30**

 A. Jesus invites all 28

 Note 28-30 only in Matthew i.e. there is no parallel passage

 Moving from Jesus being the only One who can reveal the Father

 Jesus invites all – universal offer

Come to Me – man’s responsibility to hear and come

 Nothing limits or restricts this invitation

 Come – the action, a direction, a commitment, repent 20,21

 To Me – The Son, The Son of God, the Son of Man

 All you who labor and are heavy laden

 All is qualified by those who labor and are heavy laden

 I do not think the primary focus here is physical labor and weight

 It is spiritual labor/weight – heavy load due to legalism 234 121-4

requirements of the Jewish leadership, weight of your soul

 Hb12:1

 And I will give you rest

 Give – a gift, not worked for or deserved

Rest – this is salvation, the best rest that God can give, but also

present peace with God, assurance of future E2:8-9 J3:16

 B. Jesus encourages all 29-30

 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me…

 Yoke a metaphor for discipleship, submission to, w Christ = grace

 Learn from Me – i.e. the teaching Jesus alone teaches

 For I am gentle and lowly in heart

 And you will find rest for your souls, citing from Jer6:16

 The ancient paths are the good way

 My yoke is easy and my burden is light – comfortable, good

 Contrast is between submission to OT in Pharasaic regs and relief

learning fm JS

 Lesson – Our part is to come to Jesus for salvation and yoke w Him, old path good way

 Knowing God - yes there is tension between God’s sovereignty and human responsibility

 Some have lost their minds over this. OT King Nebuchadnezzar learned hard way

Dn4:32, NT Paul saw value above all else Ph3:7-10