

KALS Radio Program #4

Matthew 11: 28-30

I. Continuing on our investigation on Matthew 11:30 from last week, Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and My load is light." As you recall with regard to Jesus saying His yoke is easy many Bibles footnote the word "easy" with such synonyms as kindly or pleasant. From Jesus' perspective as a carpenter, the idea of well-fitted or custom-fit to the individual ox would be entailed by the Lord. And so it is with our ministries as Christians as given to us by our Master.

Jesus' statement, "My load is light," is also often not understood in its true Biblical context. The Apostle Paul used this same Greek word, which is translated light, in II Corinthians 4:17, which reads, "For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comprehension." In an associated statement, Paul in Romans 8:18 writes: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

The light affliction that Paul is referring to He enumerates in II Cor. 11:24 and following: (Read II Corinthians 11:24 -28.)

Obviously, such suffering would not be considered "light affliction" by most of us living for Christ today. So as we try to understand Jesus' statement that His load is light, we need to take into account the testimony of His servant Paul. Note in both Paul's statements in II Cor. 4:17 and Romans 8:18 that His affliction he describes as "light" only in the comparison to the glories that await him in Heaven as a reward. This indeed underlines the spiritual perspective that Paul had, and that we must necessarily take on in order to successfully carry our load for Jesus and His Church.

In order to rightly understand Jesus' statement that His load is light, we need to have faith, that is, "the conviction of things not seen." As Paul himself said after declaring His afflictions light : "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." (II Cor. 4:18) Certainly then, our faith has everything to do with our work in successfully carrying the load that Jesus individually puts on us.

How does your load feel this morning? Faith is the victory!