

The Message: Given to a Childish Generation

Mathew 11: 16–27

(Lk 7:31-35; 10:12-15, 21-22)

1. *The childishness of this generation*

- a. They were contrary, mindless, playful:
Fault-finders
who could not be pleased
 - 1) Accused John of separation
 - 2) Accused Jesus of worldliness
- b. They justified their inconsistencies

2. *The judgment of this generation*

- a. The judgment of two privileged cities
 - 1) Because they were privileged
 - 2) Because they did not repent
 - 3) Because they ignored Christ and His works
 - 4) The degree of their judgment:
To suffer greater punishment than most
- b. The judgment of the most privileged city
 - 1) Because it had the greatest opportunity
 - 2) Because it did not repent
 - 3) Because it neglected Christ
 - 4) The degree of its judgment:
To suffer the greatest punishment

16 “To what can I compare this generation?
They are like children sitting in the marketplaces
and calling out to others:

17 ‘We played the flute for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking,
and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking,
and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard,
a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”’
But wisdom is proved right by her actions.”

20 Then Jesus began to denounce the cities
in which most of his miracles had been performed,
because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Korazin!
Woe to you, Bethsaida!
If the miracles that were performed in you
had been performed in Tyre and Sidon,
they would have repented long ago
in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I tell you,
it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon
on the day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum,
will you be lifted up to the skies?
No, you will go down to the depths.
If the miracles that were performed in you
had been performed in Sodom,
it would have remained to this day.

24 But I tell you
that it will be more bearable for Sodom
on the day of judgment than for you.”

<p>3. <i>The blindness of this generation</i></p> <p>a. Blind to God’s truth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The wise are blind: Self-sufficient, arrogant 2) The children are not blind, but teachable with hearts open to God <p>b. Blind to God’s will and purpose</p> <p>c. Blind to the Messiah</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) He is of God, His very own Son 2) He has been given all things 3) He is the Mediator 4) He alone reveals God 	<p>25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.</p> <p>26 Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.</p> <p>27 All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”</p>
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The Great Invitation: Given to This Generation
Mathew 11: 28–30

<p>1. <i>Come to Me</i></p> <p>a. Who: The weary</p> <p>b. Why: He will give rest</p> <p>c. Condition: Must come</p> <p>2. <i>Take my yoke – learn from me</i></p> <p>a. Why</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) He is gentle and humble 2) You will find rest 3) His yoke is easy; His burden is light <p>b. Condition: Must take Christ’s yoke and burden</p>	<p>28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.</p> <p>29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.</p> <p>30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light”</p>
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