

Take His Yoke Upon You!

For His Yoke Is Easy And His Burden Is Light

By B. D. Tate

Jesus said:

Matt. 11: 28 “Come to **Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.**

29 “**Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**

30 “**For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**”

Maybe We Have Expected Jesus To Take Our Yoke?

I used to see this as Jesus coming to help us with our yoke of labor and heavy laden; **but we are actually to take on His yoke and learn from Him.** This is where we live in grace that produces rest for our souls; because *His yoke is easy and His burden is light!* When we see Him coming to live and identify *with our yoke* of labor and heavy laden, **we are missing His grace because of our law based living!**

When we see Him coming for us **to live in His yoke** and learn from Him, we are living in the Spirit, under grace, **and finding rest for our souls.** For His yoke is easy (guilt and condemnation free), and His burden (life, essence, **power of God**) is light—**it’s not on us anymore!**

God’s Not Looking For **Our** Love—It’s Not On Us!

The joy of the Lord **is not** that *we would produce a work of love for Him*, but that we would **receive His love (Jesus’ yoke) and become fruitful in it.** This means that we are to put on Christ’s yoke of love! I use to think that God was looking for us to choose to love Him and return His love by

producing works that reflect our love for God. Now I understand it to be that God *is not looking for us to produce love* and works for Him (our yoke), **but that we would receive His love and become fruitful in Him (His yoke)**. He is the vine; we are the branches this means **that we receive the sap always**. We don't produce it or send it back to the vine!

It is **one way**, the blessing flows from God to us, through us, to others; there is no other supernatural way that glorifies the Father. A lamp shines forth the light from the electricity sent into it; a lamp never sends the electricity back to its source.

This is a call to live in the *supernatural life flow of Jesus*. We put on Christ; we put on the armor of God. We are to be with Jesus! We are no longer of this world (although we are in it); we are of a new kingdom with **grace as its foundation, rule, and power**.

What Our Yoke Looks Like

When we work, stress, and carry the burden we are bearing our yoke and asking Him to carry it with us. This limits grace because it is works based, pride based, and naturally minded. **We are living to our current life and identifying ourselves as if we are from this world. We are supposed to die to it!** This would mean that we stop being dependent upon naturalism. At the core of this burden is self consciousness! We are being self centered! We are sin conscious!

Our yoke is the burden of life itself. We are responsible, we are on our own; we must judge, we must examine, we must fix it and we must measure up! Our yoke is under the law's examination in everything we do. It is a burden we cannot carry. We struggle, we wrestle, and we stress trying to make our life matter, have purpose, and make ends meet. When we carry our life's responsibilities on our own believing that all of the details and cares of life are ours, we are missing grace—we are missing His yoke! This is us trying to make Christ fit into our

lives! Christ profits us very little if nothing at all (Gal. 5:4), when we live our lives asking God to bless them. We are to live in His blessing; which is Christ.

Since trying to make Christ fit into our lives doesn't work, we are living life as if we are without Him! We consider that the Christian life is hard and that it is God's will for us to live this way. We may be born again but all of our thoughts, reasoning, and actions are natural. All of our solutions are natural. All of our expectations, imaginations, and visions are natural; but **we have been called to live supernatural spiritually minded lives!**

Ro 8:6 **For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

We are carrying *our own yoke* when we live life naturally. Paul wrote:

Rom. 12: 2 And do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

What Does His Yoke Look Like?

It is the supernatural life in Jesus and taking **His yoke upon us**. **What is His yoke?** It is that we believe and stand in He is Lord! He is our intercessor, He is our victory; He is our life, our strength, our peace, and our faith. We look to Him, relate to Him, **and live in His love!** His yoke is humble (meek and lowly) but assertive (fearless) in the things of the Father. His yoke is easy and His burden is light—full of grace! God wants to carry us! **He wants us Christ conscious and God focused!**

We need to see His yoke it is full of grace! We need to let go of our yoke (self centered law based living) to be linked in with His. If we carry our yoke; we can't carry His! If we carry His we don't need ours. **Grace only comes through our relationship to Jesus (His Word)!**

What does this yoke look like? It is grace upon grace! It is grace and truth (John 1: 16, 17)! It is God's salvation plan. **It is everything that is good that is in us in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6).** Our lives are hidden in Him (Col. 3:3)! It is who we are because of Him! The yoke of Christ is putting *on (by faith)* His holiness and righteousness based on who Jesus is in us (Eph. 4:24)! We do it; by believing and acting upon the truth (the right things). We trust in and rely upon Christ's finished work and assert its truth in our lives! This is embracing, over the natural facts of this realm, the spiritual life born into us in the new creation (II Cor. 5:17).

Seeing The Difference?

We are not just natural and the supernatural life born into us **is the answer for our life's needs!** Under naturalism (and our yoke in the burden of life) we see ourselves in this position:

We need to ask, we need to seek, and we need to knock as if we still don't have, we are without Jesus, and we are on the outside needing to get in!

When we embrace (by faith in His grace), the truth of the gospel of Jesus, we see ourselves in this position:

We don't need to ask, we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness (II Pet. 1:3)!

We don't need to seek; we have been given the very life of the Son of God in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5)!

We don't need to knock, we have the very name of Jesus to speak, command, require, and request, God's will be done in our world, as it is in heaven (John 14:14)! We are made righteous and holy and can speak just as Jesus would have spoken (I John 4:17)! We belong, we are accepted, and we

are beloved! We can command anything in Jesus' name in His grace. We are authorized!

Therefore, We Are To Bear Much Fruit But Only In His Yoke!

Jesus said,

John 15:8 **"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

9 **"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.**

The Father is glorified that we bear much fruit! What is this fruit? Fruit includes the general product of our lives. Jesus said it this way:

John 17:4 **"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**

Then Jesus said this about us:

John 14: 12 **"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**

13 **"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

14 **"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

Fruit then, would include anything we ask (call for) and manifest according to the Will of the Father in Jesus! It means the *supernatural life* born into us being made real in our world! That the glory of the new birth is shown to the world as God's will is being done through us!

Fruit includes all that the Spirit is:

Gal. 5: 22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph. 5: 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, **righteousness**, and truth),

The yoke of Christ that we put on has all that the Spirit is (the fruits listed here, and the power of the gifts of the Spirit). **We have faith; Christ's faith!** We the gift of His righteousness and holiness born into us that God wants us living to!

The fruit that God desires to be abundant in our life *is not our fruit* or the fruit of the world, but **of His very own!** It is God's fruit, God's seed, God's planting, God's Spirit, God's workmanship, God's sap, God's produce manifesting in and out of our lives! It flows one way...

Our Life Is Relating To Jesus—That Is The Yoke!

Jesus said,

John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, **you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

11 "These things I have spoken to you, **that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.**

12 "**This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

It is His love and His joy as our constant source. Our love and joy are made full as we *abide* in His love. God is not looking for us *to mimic* His love back to Him but to manifest His love through us. Unless we are connected, taking in, drinking in, absorbing, and abiding in His love and joy we have nothing to show for it. We can do nothing without Him (John 15:5); but the good news **is that we are never without Him!**

God is the vinedresser, the gardener, the seed planter, the source; He is not looking for us to *copy it back to Him* by trying to become our own

vinedresser, gardener, seed planter and source. **He wants us to manifest His seed, His Word, His Spirit and His love.**

We Are Not The Vine, The Gardener, The Seed, Or The Source; But We Are The Branches Connected To The Vine, We Are The Soil For The Gardener To Garden In, We Are The Ground To Receive The Seed, And We Are The Vessels To Shine Forth His Supernatural Source Through Us!

Conclusion

Therefore, understand how damaging it is to continue to live to our self conscious law based living. It is stopping faith; it is stopping grace, because it is stopping the love of God. **Sap flows one way** through faith in God's grace. In trying to keep up with the burden of life, we are obstructing His grace for us. We are trying to be the vine, the gardener, the seed, and the source measuring up (to worldly standards) which is fruitless, stressful, and defeating. We make very bad vines; however, **we make beautiful branches when full of His grace!**

He has come for us to put on His yoke and let ours go...