

Treasure Hunt

- What is the meaning of “rest” in the Old Testament?
- Who makes the offer of rest in the OT, and how is this significant for our Savior’s offer?
- With what two yokes was Israel involved?
- What NT passage presents the truth of the two yokes?
- In the context of the OT promises on which the Lord is drawing, what is the significance of his being “meek and lowly”?
- How does this invitation clarify the discussion about Lordship salvation?

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<p>For [that] I am meek and lowly πραύς και ταπεινός in heart:</p>	<p>Isa. 26:5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, <i>even</i> to the ground; he bringeth it <i>even</i> to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, <i>even</i> the feet of the poor πραύς, and the steps of the needy ταπεινός. Zeph. 3:12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor πραύς και ταπεινός people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.</p>
<p>and ye shall find rest unto your souls.</p>	<p>Jer. 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.</p>
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Necks and Yokes

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Jer. 27:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not **put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon**, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. ... 11 But the nations that **bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon**, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein. 12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, **Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon**, and serve him and his people, and live.

Jer. 31:25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

I will give you rest

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Deut. 12:9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. 10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you **rest** from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

Isa. 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his **rest** shall be glorious.

Take my yoke upon you

Jer. 5:5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but **these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.** [perhaps also 2:20]

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Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am Meek and Lowly

Isa. 26:5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the **poor**, *and* the steps of the **needy**.

Zeph. 3:11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. 12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an **afflicted** and **poor** people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.