

MATTHEW 11:25-30 – IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

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Arminianism	Evangelical Calvinism	Hyper-Calvinism
Mt. 11:28-30	Mt. 11:25-27 + Mt. 11:28-30	Mt. 11:25-27
You must prove and you can prove	Ultimately you cannot prove But you must try	You cannot prove And you must not prove / or even try
Human responsibility (usually called freedom or choice)	Divine sovereignty + Human responsibility	Divine Sovereignty

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There are 3 anchors found in the text. All must be believed, understood, accepted and practiced.

Anchor #1: The **Sovereignty** of God

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou **hast hid** (ἐκρύψας) these things from the wise and prudent, and **hast revealed** (ἀπεκάλυψας) them unto **babes** (νηπίοις). **Matthew 11:26** Even so, Father: **for so it seemed good in thy sight** (ὅτι οὕτως εὐδοκία ἐγένετο ἔμπροσθέν σου).

The text is reasonably simple (the ideas are not simple and ruffle feathers!)

- The Son of God gives thanks
- To the Father
- About the Father
- **Specifically** about the Sovereignty of God
- The Sovereignty of God over **all things**

Lord of Heaven and Earth

- The Sovereignty of God in salvation
- The Sovereignty of God **hiding** from some and revealing to others
- **Hiding** from the expected & deserving **while** revealing to the unexpected and undeserving

Wise and prudent:

Babes:

And this, most assuredly was pleasing to &/ before God the Father!

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me **I will in no wise cast out.**

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

John 6:61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, **Doth this offend you?** **John 6:62** **What and if** ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? **John 6:63** **It is the**

spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. **John 6:64** **But** there are some of you that believe not. **For** Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. **John 6:65** And he said, **Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. **Romans 9:15** **For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.** **Romans 9:16** So then it is **not** of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, **but** of God that sheweth mercy. **Romans 9:17** **For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh,** Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. **Romans 9:18** **Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

2 Timothy 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **2 Timothy 2:24** **And the servant of the Lord** must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **2 Timothy 2:25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; **if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;** **2 Timothy 2:26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Anchor #2: the Exclusivity of Christ

Matthew 11:27 **All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.**

The text deals with one aspect but we will consider two:

A. Christ is the only way (to the Father)

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

B. Christ makes the way (Father) known and only Christ!

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John 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; **even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.** **John 5:22** For the Father judgeth no man, **but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** **John 5:23** **That** all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. **John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **John 5:25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. **John 5:26** **For as the Father hath life in**

himself; **so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; John 5:27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given **all things into his hands**, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

John 17:2 As thou hast given him power over **all flesh**, that he should give eternal life **to as many as thou hast given him. John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Some, maybe many~ get nervous:

Election	Predestination	Fairness
Equal opportunity	Everyone gets a chance	

I see the other side / another side:

Sin	Biases	Ego
Sin nature	Habits	Family pressure
Friends	Addiction / bondage to sin	Loyalties
Cultural blindness		

Anchor #3: The Universality of the Gospel Call!

Matthew 11:28 **Come** unto me, **all** ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:29** **Take** my yoke upon you, and **learn** (**μάθετε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ**) **of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **Matthew 11:30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come**. And let him that heareth say, **Come**. And let him that is athirst **come**. And **whosoever will**, let him take the water of life freely.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, And he that hath no money; Come ye, buy, and eat; Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. **Isaiah 55:2** Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, And let your soul delight itself in fatness. **Isaiah 55:3** Incline your ear, and come unto me: Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, Even the sure mercies of David.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Romans 10:13 For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. **Luke 5:32** I came **not** to call the righteous, **but** sinners to repentance