

Joy in God's Wisdom

Luke 10:21–24

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

Main Point

Rejoice in and tell others of the mercy and wisdom of God.

I. Introduction

- A. Back in the early days of the birth of Jesus, Mary praised God for giving regard to her lowly estate and making her a blessed woman through the Messiah (Luke 1:46–55). God exalted the lowly (1:52). Throughout human history God has used the broken and lowly to reveal His truth (cf. Ps. 8:2).
- B. The same is true of His revelation of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. God reveals the truth to those who are the “lowly”—
 - 1. To the shepherds (Luke 2:8–20)
 - 2. To the disciples, many of whom were fisherman (Luke 5:9–11; 6:12–16)
 - 3. To tax collectors (Luke 5:27–32)
 - 4. To “sinful people” like the woman who washed Jesus feet with her hair (Luke 7:36–50)
 - 5. To a woman with a hemorrhage (Luke 8:43–48)
 - 6. A little boy (Luke 9:37–48)
- C. Paul says that God works this way: revealing the truth of Christ to those who are humble and willing to embrace the so-called “foolish message” (1 Cor. 1–2).
- D. Rather than being surprised at this, we should rejoice—*exult in the fact that God reveals the truth to anyone but especially to the lowly*. We must remind each other of this every day.

II. Exposition

A. Praising the Father (10:21–22)

- 1. The Character of God
 - a) Father
 - b) Lord of Heaven & Earth

2. The Wisdom of God
 - a) Hidden the truth of Christ from those who will not receive it.
 - b) Revealed it to the “weak” and “lowly.”
3. The Will of God
 - a) The will of God to hide/reveal the truth is not capricious or arbitrary.
 - b) The will of God to hide/reveal the truth is part of God’s *good* plan.
4. The Revelation of God

B. Reminding the Disciples (10:23–24)

1. The Blessing of God’s Mercy
 - a) Jesus reminds the disciples that God blesses those who understand who Jesus is.
 - b) “The eyes which see what you see” — the spiritual eyes to understand Who Jesus is and what He has done.
2. The Graciousness of God’s Mercy
 - a) The prophets and kings of the past did not understand all of what or who the Messiah would be (cf. 1 Peter 1:10–12).
 - b) God is gracious to stoop down and reveal Himself to lowly sinners. He is under no obligation to do so.

III. Truths

- A. Praise God for His Mercy.
- B. Remind Christians of His Mercy.