



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 11: 25-27

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

Our Scripture Reflection

Do you want to know what God is all about? Look no further than the life and teachings of Jesus. For those who are "child-like", that is, humble of heart, Jesus reveals a way of thinking and living that confounds the scholar.

Food for your Journey

Life is not what we think and feel it is. True life is something different from the life of the body Christ's preaching threatens men, the virtuous even more than the wicked, with a radical transformation of value whereby the rich and pious are damned, and harlots and tax collectors are rather more

acceptable. The poor, ignorant and childish are more acceptable yet God crucified formed a bridge between our human perception of a cruelly imperfect and indifferent world and our human need for God, our human sense that God is present.

--John Updike, *Incarnation: Contemporary Writers on the New Testament* (New York: Viking Press, 1990), 10.

We can look at generations as the spans of a mighty bridge through time. Our shared history can empower us or become a crutch upon which we depend. Laying each new span of the bridge takes faith in the future and, for Christians, the architect of the ultimate construction is God. With God, we can move forward confidently, building upon the best of our foundations.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, meek and humble of heart, please make my heart as Your heart.
Amen.